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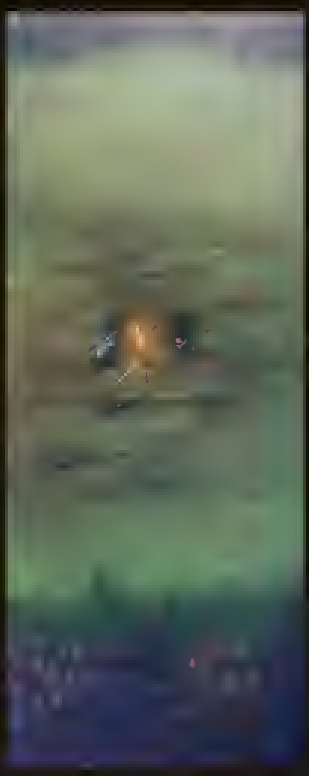

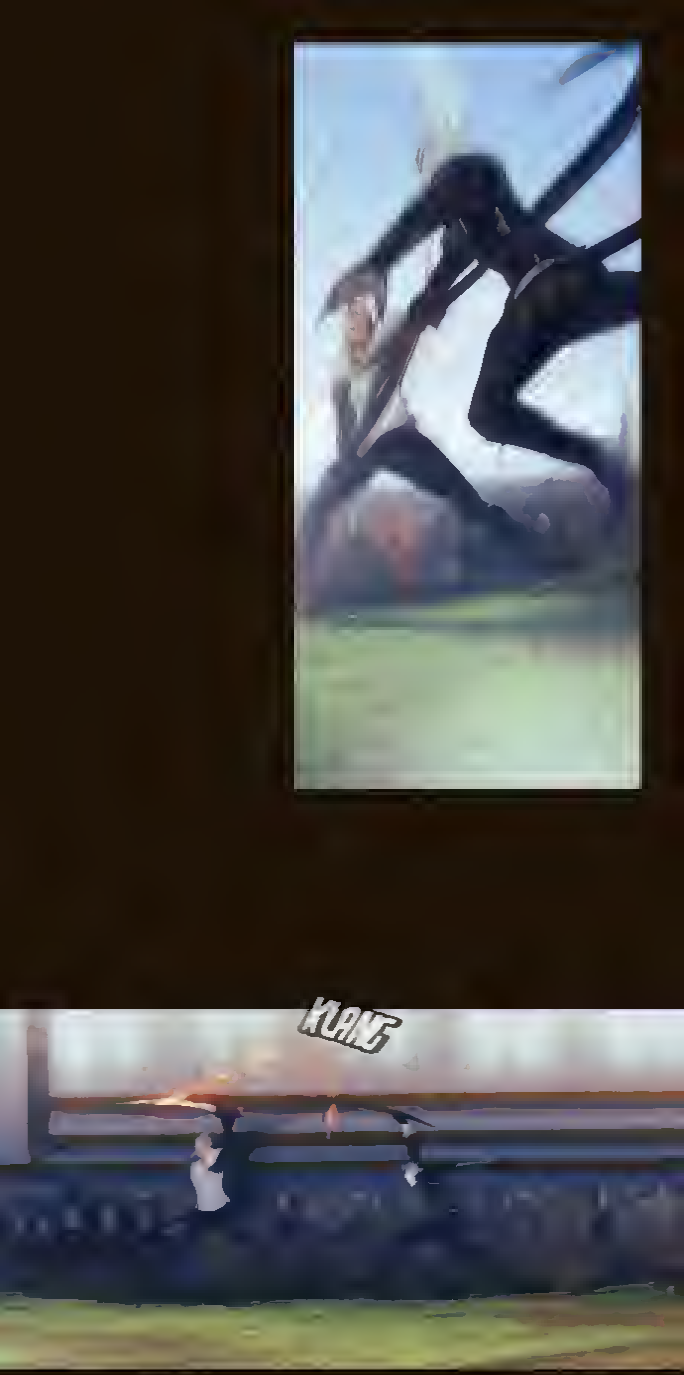
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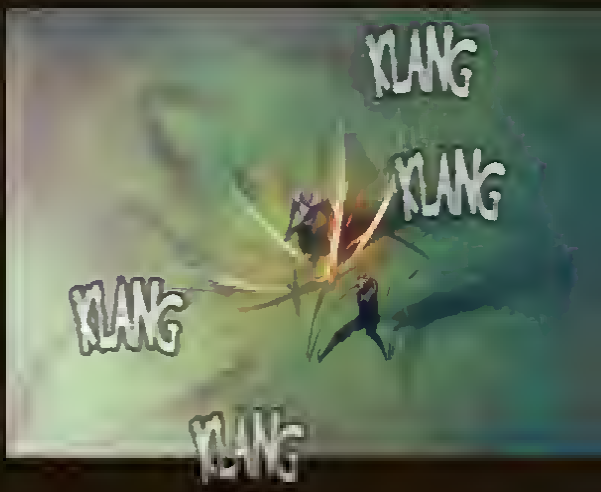
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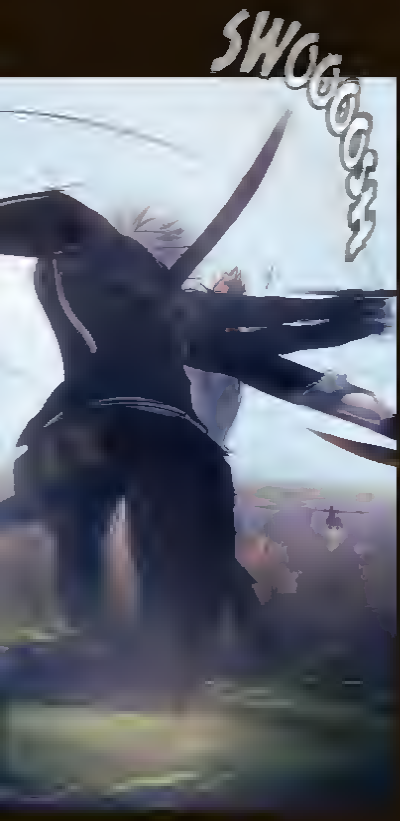
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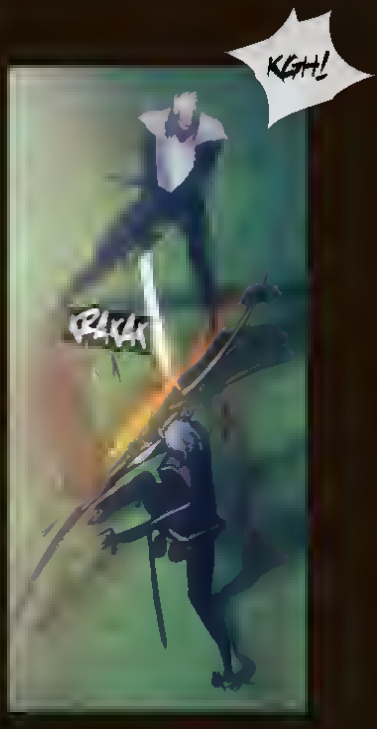
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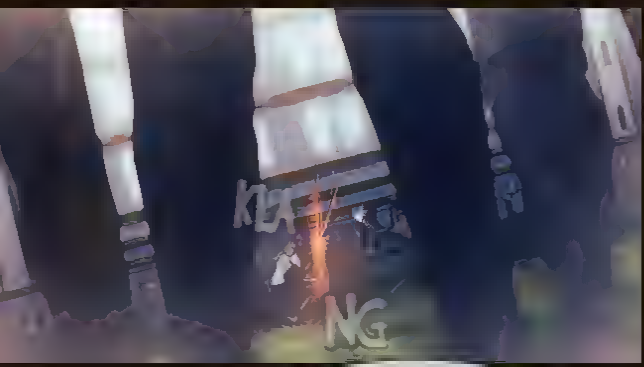


BOTH OF THEM SHOW NO SIGNS OF TIRING.

HOW MANY MINUTES HAS IT BEEN SINCE THEY'VE BEEN AT IT?

IT FEELS LIKE I'M TREADING ON THIN ICE.

I'M WATCHING. BUT I HAVE NO CLUE HOW THE FIGHT IS FLOWING

AT THIS RATE, THE MOMENT ONE SIDE SHOWS SIGNS OF GIVING AWAY, THE VICTOR MAY BE DECIDED IMMEDIATELY.

BY THE WAY. IN TERMS OF STRENGTH AND SPEED, SHOULDN'T BREAKERS HAVE THE ADVANTAGE SINCE HE'S YOUNG?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IN FIGHTS LIKE THESE, EXPERIENCE IS WHAT MATTERS.
IN A CONTEST OF EXPERIENCE, THE SEASONED VETERAN MERCENARY KING SURELY HOLDS THE ADVANTAGE. NO QUESTION.
I SUPPOSE. IT'S TRUE THAT THE YOUNGER ONE IS MORE LIKELY TO SLIP UP THAN THE OLDER

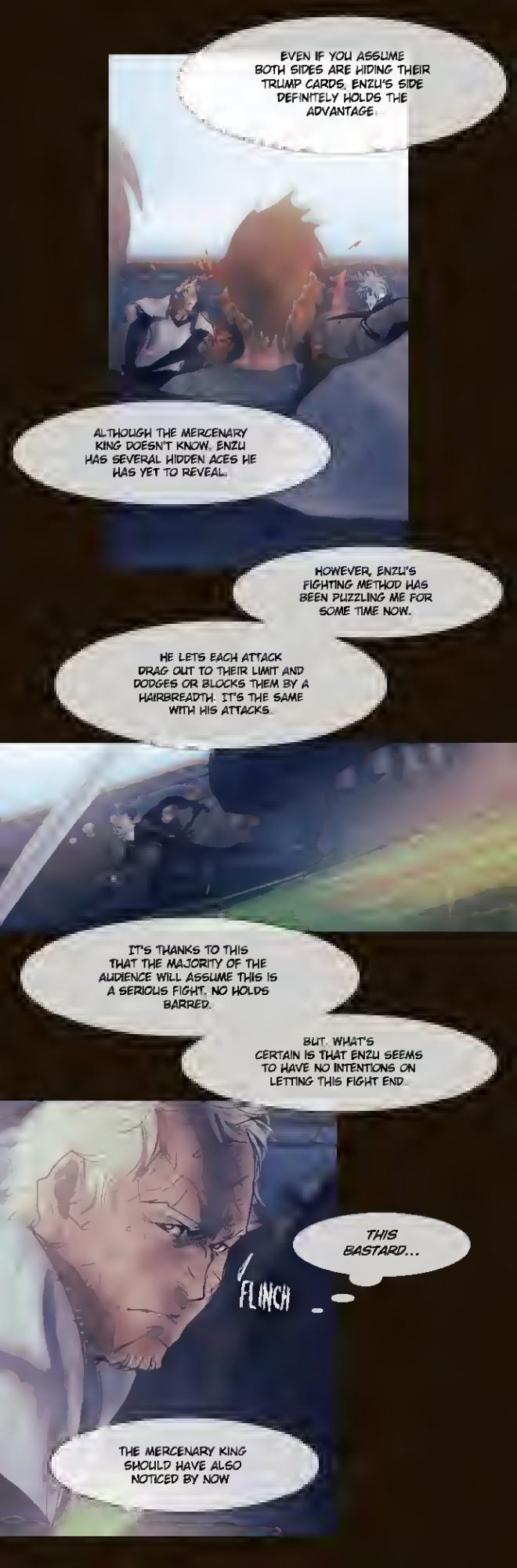
SO IT BOILS DOWN TO A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RESULT. BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL REALLY WEAK AFTER TAKING A LOOK AT THEIR SKILLS.
I FEEL YA. I FEEL IT EVEN MORE AFTER TAKING A LOOK AT BREAKERS.

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I LOST TRACK ON THE FLOW OF BATTLE HALFWAY THROUGH. I CAN'T TELL WHO'S AHEAD...

THE SKILL LEVEL IS DEFINITELY HIGH. I'VE NEVER SEEN ENZU QUITE LIKE THIS BEFORE... THE MERCENARY KING REALLY IS QUITE SOMETHING

ALTHOUGH IT *SEEMS* EVENLY MATCHED. ENZU CURRENTLY HOLDS THE UPPER HAND

PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE I SPARRED WITH ENZU THAT I CAN GRASP THIS BATTLE. BUT...


EVEN IF YOU ASSUME BOTH SIDES ARE HIDING THEIR TRUMP CARDS, ENZU'S SIDE DEFINITELY HOLDS THE ADVANTAGE.
ALTHOUGH THE MERCENARY KING DOESN'T KNOW, ENZU HAS SEVERAL HIDDEN ACES HE HAS YET TO REVEAL.
HOWEVER, ENZU'S FIGHTING METHOD HAS BEEN PUZZLING ME FOR SOME TIME NOW.
HE LETS EACH ATTACK DRAG OUT TO THEIR LIMIT AND DODGES OR BLOCKS THEM BY A HAIRBREADTH. IT'S THE SAME WITH HIS ATTACKS.
IT'S THANKS TO THIS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE AUDIENCE WILL ASSUME THIS IS A SERIOUS FIGHT, NO HOLDS BARRED.
BUT, WHAT'S CERTAIN IS THAT ENZU SEEMS TO HAVE NO INTENTIONS ON LETTING THIS FIGHT END.
THIS BASTARD...
FLINCH
THE MERCENARY KING SHOULD HAVE ALSO NOTICED BY NOW

IN A SITUATION SUCH AS THIS THOSE WHO ARE TRULY SKILLED WILL ALSO GRADUALLY CATCH ON AS WELL
I SEE.
I'M NOT SAYING THE MERCENARY KING IS WEAK IN ANY WAY, BUT IT JUST SHOWS JUST HOW ***POWERFUL*** ENZU HAS BECOME TO THINK HE HAS SUCH LEEWAY AGAINST A OPPONENT OF THIS LEVEL...
IF THAT'S THE CASE HE MUST BE PLANNING TO DRAG THINGS OUT TO THE VERY END— GEEZ HIS THOUGHTS SURE HAS BEEN MUCH MORE DEEP AND CAUTIOUS EVER SINCE HE ARRIVED IN MISTY
?
ENZU. THAT RASCAL. HE SURE HAS BECOME RELIABLE

ALSO, THAT FELLOW RANG.

I BET THIS TIME, HE TOOK QUITE A BLOW TO HIS PRIDE.
GRIN

ENZU REALLY DEALT HIM A HUGE BLOW
IT SEEMS TODAY'S HERO...
FLINCH
...WILL BE ENZU.

WHAT A CLEVER BASTARD.
DO YOU MEAN BREAKERS?
AYE.

ONCE THE VICTOR WAS DECIDED, I WAS GOING TO USE THE UNSETTLING ATMOSPHERE TO PUT BOTH GROUPS UNDER MY COMMAND...

BUT THAT GREENHORN HAS SEEN THROUGH EVERYTHING. NOW THAT IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE BOTH THEIR STRENGTHS.

THAT CONFIDENCE OF HIS... HE ACTS AS IF HE IS SHOWING EVERYTHING HE HAS, YET HE IS HIDING THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

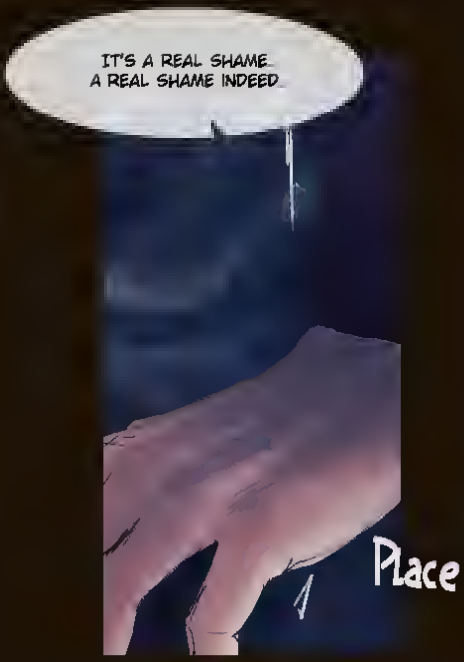
ALTHOUGH HE APPEARS AS SUCH, HE IS QUITE AN INTELLIGENT BASTARD.

HE'S DEFINITELY SKILLED.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH HUAN IS ASKING FOR...

THERE'S ONE THING CERTAIN...

I REALLY WANT TO HAVE A GO WITH THAT FELLOW. BREAKERS...

ANYMORE THAN THIS AND I WILL LOSE PATIENCE.


IT'S A REAL SHAME...
A REAL SHAME INDEED...
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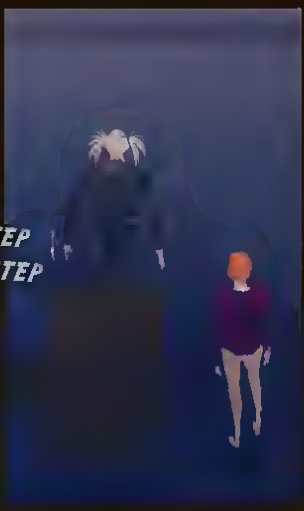
STEP
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ENOUGH!!!
SHOUT

SHOUT

CHATTER
CHATTER
WH-WHAT THE?
THAT SURPRISED ME.
IT APPEARS THAT YOUR SKILLS ARE SO GREAT, THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO EVEN SEE WHICH ONE IS ONE TOP...
HOWEVER, IT MAKES NO SENSE IF EITHER OF YOU GETS INJURED BEFORE WE EVEN DEPART.

I HAVE SEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH.
INDEED. YOU TWO HAVE TOP-TIER SKILLS WITHIN YOUR RESPECTIVE GROUPS.
IF IT'S YOU TWO, I'M SURE *NOBODY* WILL HAVE COMPLAINTS GIVING YOU SEATS AS CAPTAINS.

AS I PROMISED, I SHALL GIVE POSITIONS BEFITTING OF YOUR STRENGTH.

WERE YOU AIMING FOR THIS FROM THE START?

MY MY. IT SEEMS YOU AREN'T JUST SOME NAIVE GREENHORN AFTER ALL.

ALLOW ME TO GIVE A FORMAL INTRODUCTION. I'M QUIN.
AH...
Shake
I GO BY THE NAME...
TN: Here, Enzu is speaking formally.
BREAKERS.

FORMALITIES? IT SURE IS HARD TO GET USED TO. DON'T TELL ME YOU'LL SPEAK FORMALLY TO ME FROM NOW ON?
HEH.
AH, THAT'S...
HAHAHAHA!
Place
YOU'RE AN ALRIGHT GUY.
THEN AGAIN, I SUPPOSE THERE'S SOME MERIT IN SHOWING SUCH AN ATTITUDE IN A PLACE FILLED WITH FOLKS SUCH AS THESE
.....
FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN DROP THE FORMALITIES.

ANYWAY, THANKS FOR LETTING ME SAVE FACE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE
YOU HOLD INCREDIBLE SKILL FOR SOMEONE OF YOUR AGE
I LEARNED A LOT AS WELL.
HUHU.
ANYWAYS, WE BETTER WRAP THIS UP PROPERLY.

Raise
AH...
LISTEN WELL!!!

I'M SURE MANY OF YOU HAVE HELD DOUBTS IN YOUR HEARTS!!!
BUT WITH THIS MATCH, YOU ALL SHOULD UNDERSTAND!!!
.....
EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF MAN BREAKERS IS!!!
CAST ASIDE YOUR DOUBTS!!!

THIS MAN IS BREAKERS!!!
BREAKERS!!!
W
O
O
BREAKERS!!!
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BREAKERS!!!
O
O
WHAT A RUCKUS. HE'S ONE CHARISMATIC FELLOW.
ALL HIS ACTIONS RADIATE CONFIDENCE.
H
THERE WAVERING LIMIT, THE VERY END.
GRIN
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN THIS FIRED UP.

MERCENARY KING!!!
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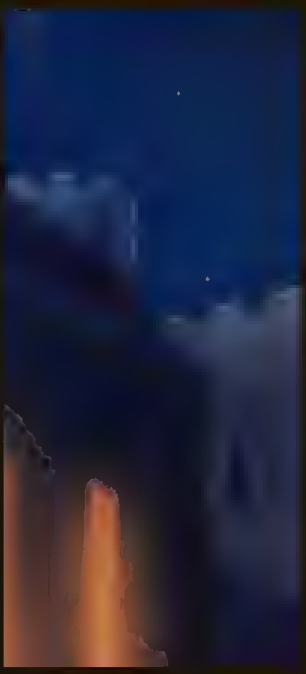


CLICK
ZZZ...
LOOKS LIKE ELLIE IS ALL TUCKERED OUT FROM THIS AFTERNOON.
SHE PASSED OUT THE MOMENT WE PUT DOWN THE LUGGAGE.

WELL, SHE'S BEEN AROUND A HUGE CROWD FOR THE ENTIRE DAY AFTER ALL
ALSO, SHE COULDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP AFTER YESTERDAY'S EVENTS
HM...
IT'S PRETTY ADMIRABLE OF HER TO HOLD OUT THIS LONG

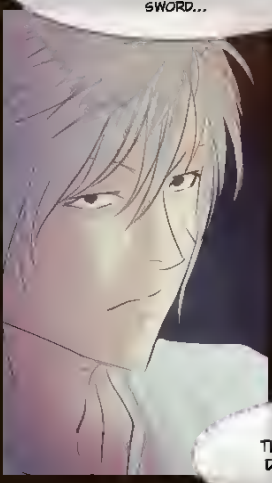
STROKE
SILLY ELLIE...
NOT EVEN REALIZING HOW THIS BIG SISTER FEELS...
STROKE
STROKE

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING STUBBORN LAST NIGHT.
BRINGING A CHILD TO THE BATTLEFIELD...
THAT ISN'T AN ACTION A FORMER GUARD CAPTAIN SHOULD TAKE.

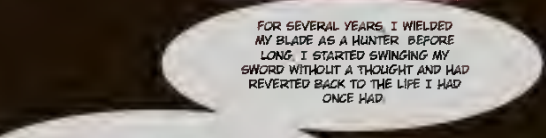
I AM ASHAMED.
.....
I BELIEVE I TOLD YOU BEFORE...
?

A LITTLE ABOUT ELLIE...
SNUGGLE
SNUGGLE
SOMETHING ABOUT HOW SHE SAVED YOUR LIFE WAS IT?
RISE
THAT'S RIGHT

WHEN I FIRST MET ELLIE...
THE WAR WAS ALREADY NEARING ITS END.
SINCE I GAVE UP MY POSITION AS CAPTAIN RIGHT AFTER I FACED DEFEAT FROM ENZU, I DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR.
HOWEVER, EVEN AFTER I CAST ASIDE THE BATTLEFIELD, IT STILL CONTINUED TO HAUNT ME


ALTHOUGH I CAST ASIDE EVERYTHING I HAD SO THAT I CAN WALK DOWN THE PATH OF THE SWORD...
THE MEMORIES OF WAR DID NOT LEAVE ME BE.

I BEGAN TO WITNESS THE VICIOUSNESS AND EVILS OF HUMAN BEINGS. I WITNESSED THE BRUTALITY AND CRUELTY ALONG WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF OTHER'S HOPES AND DREAMS.
NOW THAT I LOOK BACK, I THINK I HAD BECOME WEARY OF EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD.


FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I WIELDED MY BLADE AS A HUNTER. BEFORE LONG, I STARTED SWINGING MY SWORD WITHOUT A THOUGHT AND HAD REVERTED BACK TO THE LIFE I HAD ONCE HAD.

AS I CONTINUED MY WORK AS A HUNTER, THE LINES BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD BEGAN TO BLUR.
WAR COULD HAVE ALSO BEEN A FACTOR IN ALL THIS... HOWEVER, BY THEN, I HAD GROWN SO USED TO SUCH VIOLENCE. I STOPPED CARING.
IN THE END, I COMPLETELY REVERTED BACK TO MY FORMER SELF.

BUT... MY THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS ALL BEGAN TO CHANGE WHEN I FIRST MET ELLIE
TO BE HONEST I WAS PLANNING ON GOING ABOUT MY USUAL DAY BY HEADING TOWARDS A SMALL VILLAGE TO SUBDUE SOME BANDITS
WHETHER IT WAS THROUGH FORTUNE OR MISFORTUNE...
SHE HAD SURVIVED THE RAID AND STARED UP AT ME WITH HER PURE EYES WITHIN THE BLAZING VILLAGE LITTERED WITH CORPSES
IT SEEMED SHE HAD BEEN ALONE EVEN BEFORE THE DISASTER STRUCK THE VILLAGE.
I BELIEVE THIS WAS WHY SHE HADN'T BEEN TARGETED AT ALL

I JUST TURNED AWAY AND LEFT BUT ELLIE KEPT FOLLOWING BEHIND ME.
AT FIRST, I PAID HER NO MIND...
I WASN'T EVEN A LITTLE BIT SURPRISED BY MY CALLOUS ACTIONS.
THIS WAS ESPECIALLY CLEAR SINCE I HADN'T EVEN REALIZED ELLIE COULDN'T TALK UNTIL QUITE SOME TIME AFTER.

HOWEVER, WHETHER I KNEW OR NOT, LITTLE BY LITTLE, ELLIE STARTED TO MAKE HER WAY INTO MY CALLOUS HEART.

AT FIRST, ALL I COULD THINK WAS, *"WHAT AN ANNOYANCE."*

BUT SOON, I FELT
THAT IT WASN'T SO BAD
AFTER ALL

NO, RATHER, I THINK
I FELT A LITTLE .. *HAPPY*

HOWEVER, I KNEW I
COULDN'T KEEP GOING AROUND
WITH A CHILD IN TOW. SINCE MY
LIFE WAS AS SUCH.

I ENTRUSTED ELLIE IN
THE CARE OF A CHILDLESS
ELDERLY COUPLE IN A PEACE-
FUL VILLAGE AND LEFT.

I DON'T KNOW WHY... BUT I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO TURN MY HEAD BACK.
PERHAPS I FELT THAT IF I SAW ELLIE'S TEARS I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE HER BEHIND
WHEN I LEFT THE VILLAGE, I LEFT ONLY LOOKING STRAIGHT AHEAD

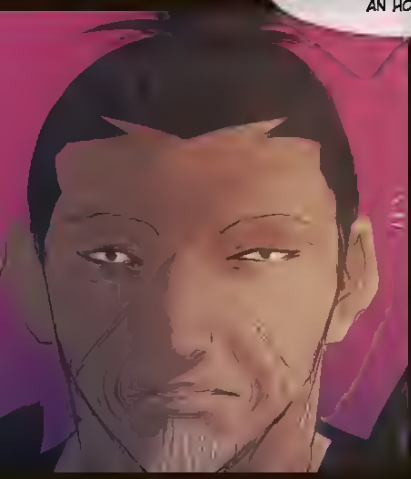
ONCE I HAD LEFT THE VILLAGE, I LOOKED BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME. THAT WAS WHEN I REALIZED.
REGRET STARTED TO MAKE ITS WAY TOWARDS ME.
NO. I HAD *CLEARLY* FELT REGRET.

I STOOD THERE AS IF MY FEET HAD BEEN ROOTED TO THE GROUND FOR SOME TIME.
I HAD NOT SAVED ELLIE...
...ELLIE HAD SAVED ME.
ALL THE EMOTIONS I HAD FORGOTTEN OVER THE COURSE OF 5 YEARS.

BEGAN TO DWELL WITHIN ME ONCE MORE.

HOW LONG HAD I BEEN STANDING ON THAT SPOT?

10 MINUTES? 30 MINUTES? AN HOUR?



BY THE TIME I HAD COME TO MY SENSES...

I SAW THE FIGURE OF ELLIE RUNNING TOWARDS ME.

I BECAME OVERCOME WITH EMOTIONS.
I WAS SO OVERCOME THAT EVEN I WAS SURPRISED THAT I CAN FEEL SUCH EMOTIONS.

TO THINK I HAD LIVED MY ENTIRE LIFE WITHOUT KNOWING SUCH EMOTIONS...
AT THAT MOMENT...

THE IMAGE OF EDERMASK AND YOU GUYS CAME TO MIND
WHEN I MET EDERMASK FOR THE FIRST TIME, I HAD ALWAYS WONDERED.

HE WASN'T THE EDERMASK THAT I HAD HEARD OF IN THE RUMORS.
WHAT SURPRISED ME THE MOST WAS...
HIS EXPRESSION.

HIS EXPRESSION WAS NOT THAT OF SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN CHASED FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS

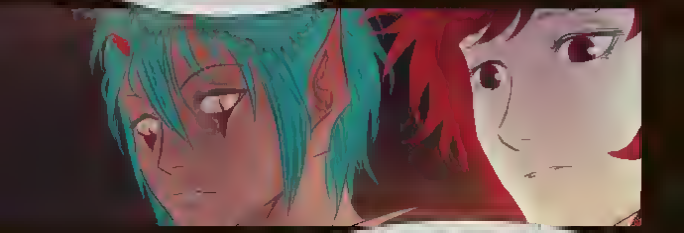
USUALLY, THOSE WHO ARE BEING CHASED HAVE A SULLEN FACE...

BUT EDERMASK WAS DIFFERENT. HE HAD SUCH A ... CONTENT EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE.

THAT'S WHY. FROM THAT MOMENT ON, I BEGAN TO START LOOKING FOR EDERMASK AND YOU.

SIGH.

I WANTED TO CONFIRM IT ONCE MORE.



WHETHER OR NOT EDERMASK HAD FELT THE SAME AS I DID

EXACTLY WHAT FEELINGS...
.....
...YOU GUYS CARRIED WHILE FOLLOWING EDERMASK.
I'M A LITTLE SORRY, BUT ELLIE'S REACTION LAST NIGHT...
HEH.
HONESTLY MADE ME A LITTLE HAPPY.

FUNNY, HUH?
KNOCK KNOCK
WHAT IS IT?

RANG-NIM SEEKS THE PRESENCE OF BREAKERS-NIM AND SANTIVANNA-NIM.
WE'LL GET READY AND GO OUT.
I SHALL WAIT AT THE ENTRANCE.

SO IT'S *FINALLY* TIME.

THIS TIME...

IT'S *MY* TIME TO SHINE.

LET'S GO AND RIP INTO THAT OLD MAN SOME MORE

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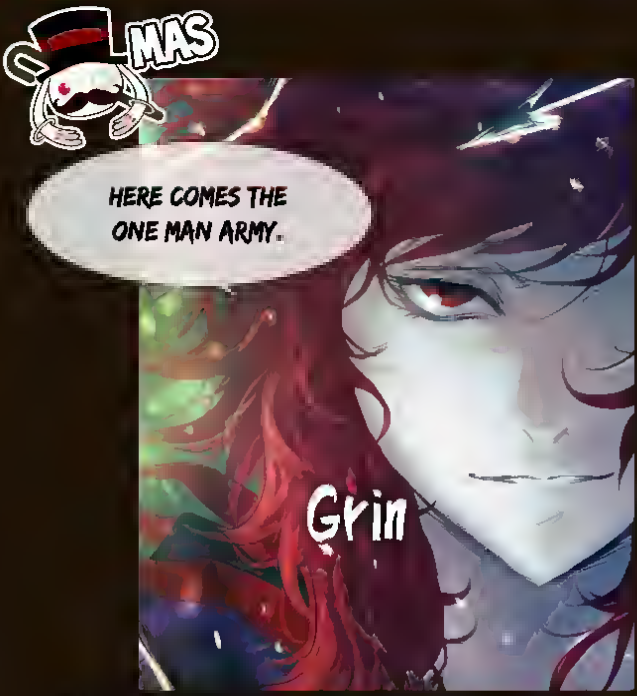

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DAILY RELEASE DAY 2!

TOMORROW, A CHAPTER OF YUREKA WILL BE RELEASED INSTEAD OF MAGICIAN. THE DAY AFTER, ANOTHER MAGICIAN CHAPTER WILL BE RELEASED. KEEP THAT IN MIND

STROKE

SHE'S SLEEPING WELL.
NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD...
ABOUT MOLLY...
ALTHOUGH I ALMOST FORGOT WITH HOW SHE'S BEEN ACTING LATELY...

SHE REALLY IS A NOBLE, ISN'T SHE?

WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN? ARE YOU JEALOUS?

HAHA, JEALOUS YOU SAY...

YOU SAW HOW SHE WAS IMMEDIATELY GREETED AND LED TOWARDS THE VIP ROOMS, DIDN'T YOU?

WE ONLY MANAGED TO GET A ROOM WITH A BATHROOM ATTACHED THANKS TO RIDING ENZU'S COATTAILS...

IT JUST MADE ME REALIZE THAT THERE'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WORLD OUT THERE.

SO WHAT? I'M SURE SHE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE STUFFY BUREAUCRATS ALL DAY ANYWAYS...

DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO BE KEPT BUSY EVEN *NOW*?

YOU THINK? THEN I SEND THEM MY CONDOLENCES.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN SHE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO PUT UP AN ACT THE ENTIRE TIME THERE.

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT LIKE THAT, I SUPPOSE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY MOLLY WORKS AS A HUNTER EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A NOBLE

ALTHOUGH THIS KIND OF LIFESTYLE *IS* TIRING, IT *DOES* GIVE YOU A SENSE OF FREEDOM, AFTER ALL.

I SUPPOSE IT CAN BE SAID THAT THIS LIFESTYLE IS A TYPE OF SAFE HAVEN FOR MOLLY-LINN!
Turn

Waken
AH, SHE WOKE UP
RUSTLE
OH MY...

STARTLE
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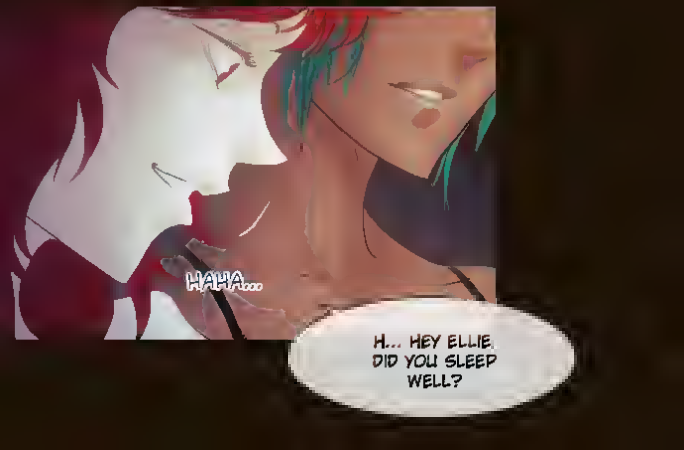
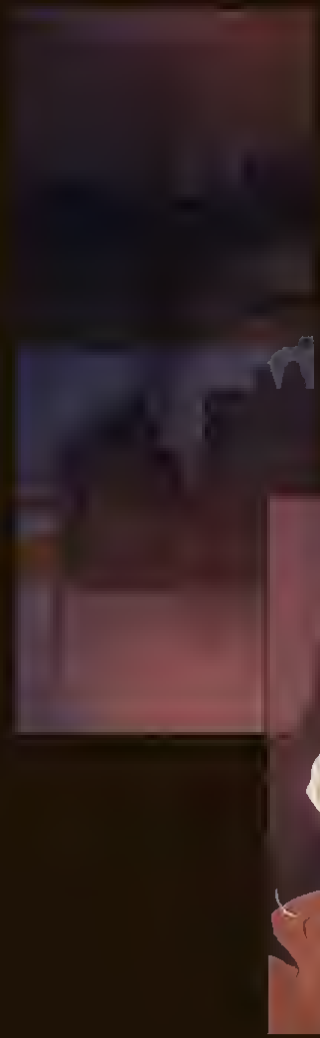
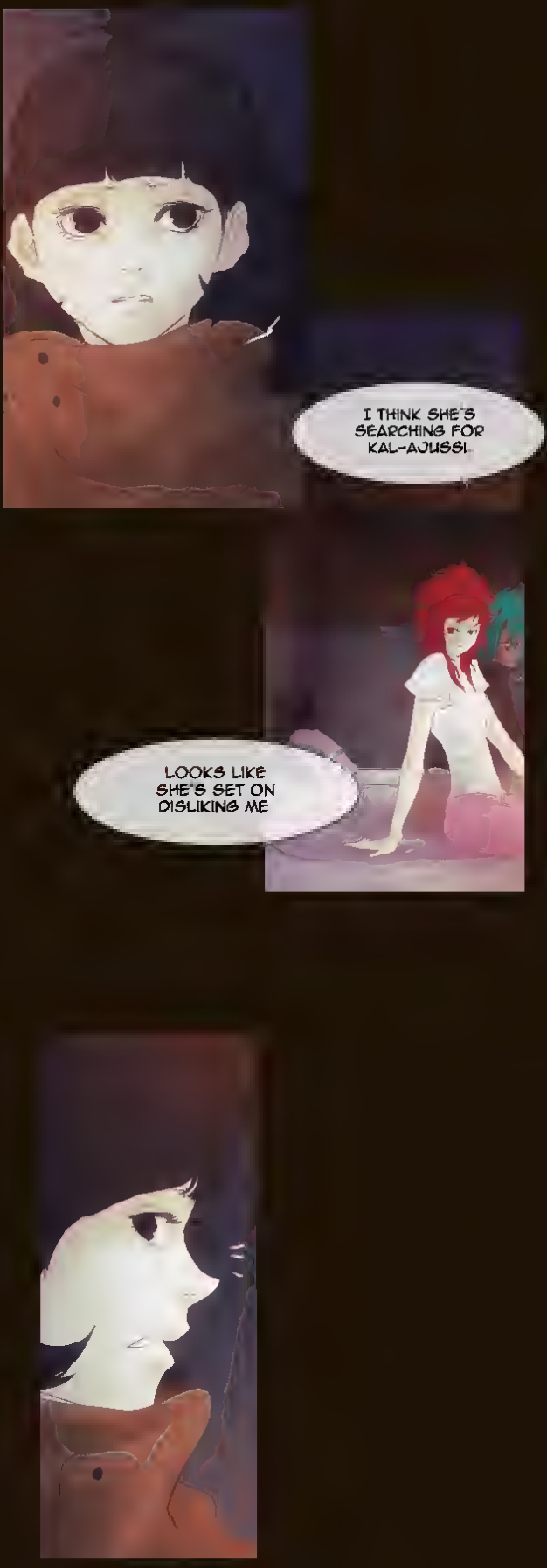

HAHA
H... HEY ELLIE. DID YOU SLEEP WELL?

LOOKS LIKE BIG SISTER WOKE YOU UP.
AH!
BACK AWAY
SHE SURE IS QUICK.

HAA
HAA
AS EXPECTED
THERE'S NO CHANGE
HMmm
WHAT SHOULD
I DO?




I THINK SHE'S SEARCHING FOR KAL-AJUSSI
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S SET ON DISLIKING ME

AH...

HEY THERE!
FLINCH
BLOCK

HM?
AH!
DASH
AH!
BLOCK
GOOD JOB, UNNI.

GRIN
HEE HEE.

SNEAK
SNEAK

HUH?

AH...

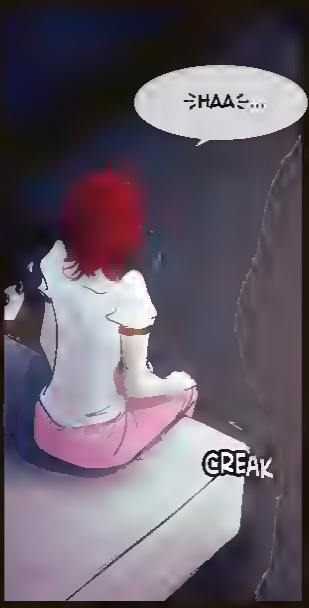
CREEEEAK

clack

STEP
STEP

FLINCH

ELLIE?
Huddle
OH MY...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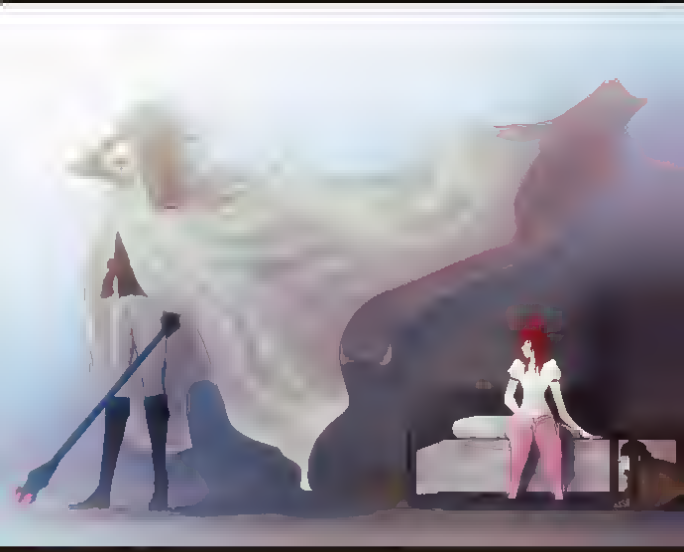
CREAK

I THINK I WAS AROUND ELLIE'S AGE...

BACK WHEN I
TRAVELED TOGETHER
WITH AJUSSI...



IREMI...
TO THINK MY AGE WOULD DOUBLE SINCE I'VE PARTED WITH AJUSSI.
HAHA.
I SURE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIM FOR A LONG TIME.

BACK THEN, I HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD TAKE THIS LONG.
NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAM WOULD I HAVE IMAGINED THAT I WOULD TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CONTINENT FOR HIM.
AS THE YEARS GO BY, IT'S TRUE WHEN THEY SAY THE MEMORIES START TO FADE.
BUT IT MAKES ME WANT TO SEE HIM EVEN *MORE* AS THE MEMORIES CONSTANTLY REKINDLE ITSELF IN MY MIND.
IT JUST SHOWS HOW SPECIAL THOSE MOMENTS WERE, DOESN'T IT?

IT S BECAUSE OF ALL THIS BIG SISTER CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL ELLIE
I KNOW WAITING CAN BE LONG AND I KNOW IT CAN BE HARD

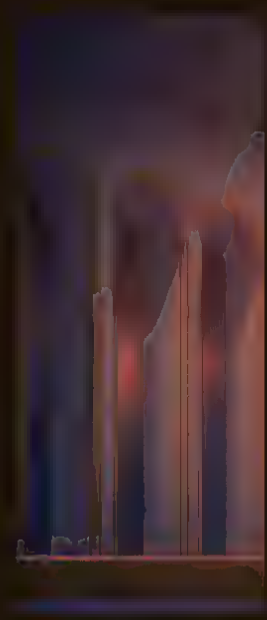
I KNOW THE FEAR OF FORGETTING BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE
I KNOW THE WEIGHT OF HAVING AN EMPTY SPACE BESIDES ME AS WELL—

I WANT YOU TO JUST PROMISE ME ONE THING
RAISE
STICK CLOSE TO BIG SISTER'S SIDE

THE MOMENT WE LEAVE MISTY, YOU MUST NEVER DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT
IF YOU CAN PROMISE THAT...
I'LL PROTECT KAL-AJUSSI AND ELLIE WITH ALL OF MY STRENGTH

JUST TELLING YOU NOW, BUT THIS BIG SISTER HERE IS REALLY STRONG
Wink
ALTHOUGH ELLIE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND YET...

HEH.
RAISE
WITH THIS
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS
MENDED.
Shake

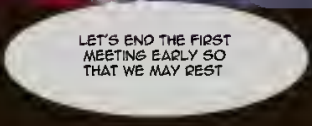


RANG-NIM. I HAVE BROUGHT BREAKERS-NIM AND SANTIVANNA-NIM.
AHH...
BRING THEM IN

HAHA LOOKS LIKE WE CAN FINALLY GET A GOOD TALK GOING IN HERE
LISTENING TO EACH OTHER TALK CAN BE FUN...
BUT I'VE BEEN GETTING TIRED OF LISTENING TO THEM YOU TWO CAME AT A GOOD TIME
STEP
STEP

SO, DOES THIS ROOM I PREPARED FIT YOUR TASTES?

SIT DOWN. LET'S BEGIN BEFORE THE NIGHT GROWS LATE


LET'S END THE FIRST MEETING EARLY SO THAT WE MAY REST

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AH...
WELL, LET ME START OFF BY SAYING THIS...
DO NOT INITIATE A SENSELESS FIGHT AND RUIN THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD SUCH A GREAT NIGHT DO NOT RUIN MY MOOD.

NOW THAT ALL THE SUBJUGATION CAPTAINS ARE ASSEMBLED...
KNOW THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU MATTER...
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND THIS POINT—
I WILL...

AS THE SUBJUGATION GENERAL...
GRIN
...GIVE YOU ALL MY UTMOST RESPECT
NO COMPLAINTS?
.....

AS I SUSPECTED HE ISN'T NORMAL TO DRAW THE LINE THIS QUICKLY...
I BETTER NOT APPROACH HIM HALF-HEARTEDLY
ALTHOUGH I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU WENT OUT OF THE WAY TO CALL SOMEBODY LIKE ME HERE...

I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE PLACED ME IN A POSITION THAT IS UNBEFITTING OF MY ABILITIES...
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL AS IF I AM A BURDEN
HAHAHA HAHAHA!
SLAP

ACTING ALL HUMBLE IN OUR FIRST MEETING...
SANTIVANNA. REAL NAME KAL. CARRIES MULTIPLE EXPERIENCES IN BATTLE AS MISTY'S FORMER GUARD CAPTAIN.
IT WASN'T A LONG WAR. BUT YOU DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENT JUDGMENT AND TOOK EVERY ADVANTAGE AT HAND IN BATTLE RESULTING IN MOSTLY LANDSLIDE VICTORIES.
ALTHOUGH THERE WERE TIMES WHEN YOU WERE CONSIDERED CRUEL. YOUR SO-CALLED COLD-HEARTED ACTIONS PROVIDED BRILLIANT RESULTS CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS.
SO AJUSSI REALLY IS AMAZING AFTER ALL

WHICH LED TO YOUR PROMOTION TO MISTY'S GUARD CAPTAIN. PLACING YOU AS THE SECOND YOUNGEST EVER TO TAKE THE POSITION.
PERHAPS YOU WANTED MORE FREEDOM. BUT ONE DAY YOU SUDDENLY CAST ASIDE YOUR POSITION AS CAPTAIN AND RETIRED.
ENTERING THE PROFESSION OF BOUNTY HUNTER UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. BY DEMONSTRATING A CONSISTENT AND ONE-SIDED PERFORMANCE, YOU TOOK THE TOP SPOT WITHIN SEVERAL YEARS
.....
HAHAHA. IF I DIDN'T CALL IN SUCH A QUALIFIED AND SKILLED PERSON—

WOULDN'T *THAT* BE MORE STRANGE?
TO BE HONEST, I WOULD I'D PLACE YOU RIGHT BY MY SIDE IF I HAD THE CHANCE.
I SEE SOME PARTS OF IT WERE CERTAINLY EXAGGERATED.

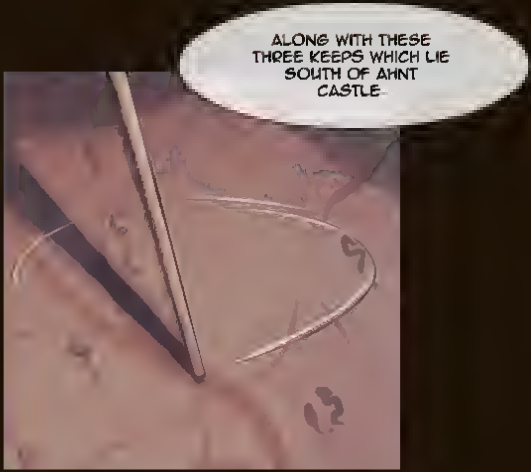
REALLY? I JUST HEARD THE WORDS FROM THESE FELLOWS
RAISE
THEY WERE ALL STORIES I HEARD FROM YOUR PREVIOUS SUBORDINATES
IF THERE REALLY WAS SOME EXAGGERATION AS YOU SAID...

THEN THAT GIVES YOU EVEN *MORE* CREDIBILITY
DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT GUARD CAPTAIN IS SITTING DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM ME...
THE FACT THAT THESE MEN PRAISE YOU SO HIGHLY IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING WORTH NOTING
I'M SURE I'LL WITNESS EVERYTHING FIRST-HAND ONCE WE ENTER BATTLE, BUT...
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR INSIGHT.

NOW LET'S END THIS TALK HERE AND RETURN TO THE MATTER AT HAND.
TO TELL THE TRUTH, DISCIPLINE, EDUCATION, TRAINING... THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF TASKS I WANT TO ENTRUST TO YOU ALL...
BUT THE MAIN REASON WHY I GATHERED ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY...
Clack
IS TO ADDRESS THE OBJECTIVE AND GOAL OF MISTY'S COALITION FORCE...

ALONG WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION OF PHILLIS
WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS TO UNDERSTAND JUST HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO CARRY OUT A JOINT OPERATION WITH THE FORCES IN ENOK.
FIRST OFF, PHILLIS'S MOST CENTRAL FORTRESS...
I'M SURE I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU ALL...

IS AHNT CASTLE,
WHICH LIES IN THE
HEART OF PHILLIS—


ALONG WITH THESE
THREE KEEPS WHICH LIE
SOUTH OF AHNT
CASTLE—

THE NEXT PLACE OF IMPORTANCE IS THE BORDERING REGIONS OF FORMER MALLSIA. A PLACE USED TO EXTRACT CRUCIAL RAW MATERIALS FOR PHILLIS.
SINCE THIS PLACE IS A MOUNTAINOUS REGION, IF WE LOSE EDERMASK HERE, IT WILL GET PRETTY TROUBLESOME
JEAN-AJUSSI REAL INVESTIGATED WELL. THE INFORMATION HE SENT DOESN'T DIFFER MUCH FROM THIS
IF IT'S LIKE THIS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO EASILY FOLLOW THROUGH WITH OUR PLAN

ONE VARIABLE WE MUST FACTOR IN THIS LOCATION..
IS THAT THIS PLACE IS A CENTRAL CHECKPOINT FOR MANY CIVILIANS WHO LIVE AROUND AHNT CASTLE
IF THE CIVILIANS CARRY ILL SENTIMENTS FOR THE SUBJUGATION FORCES, THIS PLACE MAY PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST PROBLEMATIC POINTS IN OUR OPERATION.
FOR MISTY'S COALITION FORCES. THE CURRENT GOAL...

..ARE THESE THREE KEEPS.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ALL MEAGER AND SMALL IN SIZE.

THE LOCATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO THE PLAN FOR SUBJUGATION.

YOU COULD SAY OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM LIES IN HOW QUICKLY WE CAN OCCUPY THESE KEEPS.

THIS IS WHY I AM ONLY ABLE TO HAND YOU YOUR INDIVIDUAL GROUP ***AFTER*** WE OCCUPY THESE LOCATIONS.

IF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE SUBJUGATION FORCES UNTIL THEN, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
.....
IF WE'RE THE ONES TO ATTACK THE KEEPS...
HMMM...

THAT BASICALLY MEANS WE'RE TO BE THE VANGUARD—
THIS LEAVES SOME UNSETTLING FEELINGS WITH THIS PLAN. DON'T TELL ME—

YOU RE ALL
PLANNING TO TREAT
US AS DISPOSABLE?

.....

HAHAHA, DISPOSABLE?!
THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH.

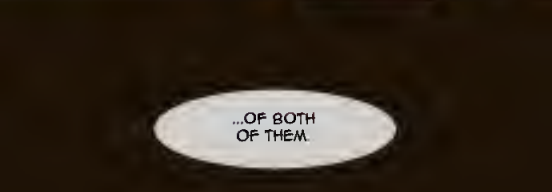
ALTHOUGH THIS TRULY IS A DANGEROUS MISSION, I ASSUMED YOU ALL WOULD BE AT LEAST ABLE TO HANDLE THIS MUCH
WE'RE NOT HANDING ALL OF YOU MONEY TO PLAY WITH, Y KNOW.
DIDN'T YOU ALL PARTICIPATE FOR THIS VERY REASON?
TAP
ON TOP OF THAT, LOOK. IF YOU'RE ABLE TO OCCUPY THESE KEEPS, WE WILL BE PLACED IN A VERY ADVANTAGEOUS LOCATION—

DUE TO THIS, IT'S A FACT WHEN I SAY BOTH GROUPS WILL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CAPTURE EDERMASK
I BELIEVE THIS PLAN WAS PRETTY WELL THOUGHT OUT. AM I WRONG?
HECK, THIS COULD EVEN PROVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAND IN A FORTUNE FOR BOTH SIDES. AM I WRONG?
OUR GOAL ISN'T TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE LEGENDARY EDERMASK. AFTER ALL

YOU'RE SAYING THAT CAPTURING THESE KEEPS FROM THE START WILL LAY A CORNERSTONE FOR LATER IN THE WAR.
RAISE
IT'S DEFINITELY TRUE THAT THIS PLAN IS LONG-TERM AND PLANNING OUT FOR THE FUTURE
HOWEVER, I CAN ALSO SEE HOW IT VISIBLY SACRIFICES US WITHIN THE EARLIER PORTIONS OF THE WAR.
BUT, BEFORE ALL THIS, HOW CAN YOU GUARANTEE THE REINFORCEMENTS STATIONED IN ENOK?

THIS BASTARD...
...SO WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
HMMM...

IF WE'RE GOING TO BE TREATED AS DISPOSABLE TO START WITH...
THE MERCENARIES...
AND THE BOUNTY HUNTERS...



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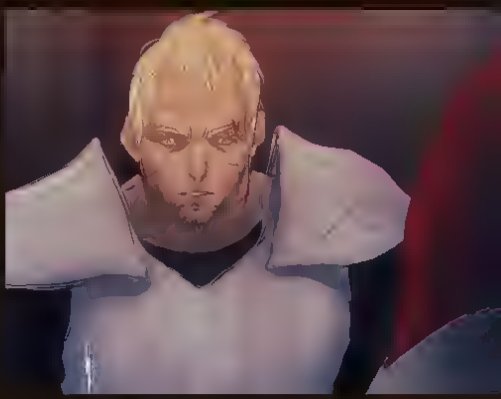

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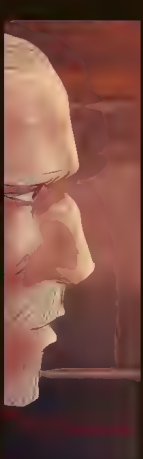
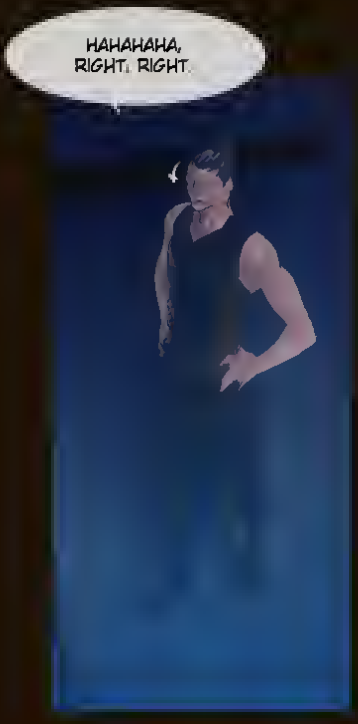
PHEW...
I'M QUITE TIRED
WELL THEN, LET'S MEET ONCE MORE TOMORROW AROUND THE SAME TIME. I'M SURE ALL OF YOU ARE EXHAUSTED. GO IN AND REST.
UNTIL TOMORROW.
I BID YOU A GOOD NIGHT.

AH, I WOULD LIKE THE GUARD CAPTAIN TO STAY BEHIND FOR A BRIEF MOMENT.
UNDERSTOOD
COME. SIT BESIDE ME.

.....
YES, RANG-NIM.



DON'T BOTHER YOURSELF WITH THEM. LET'S GO
AH, YES.

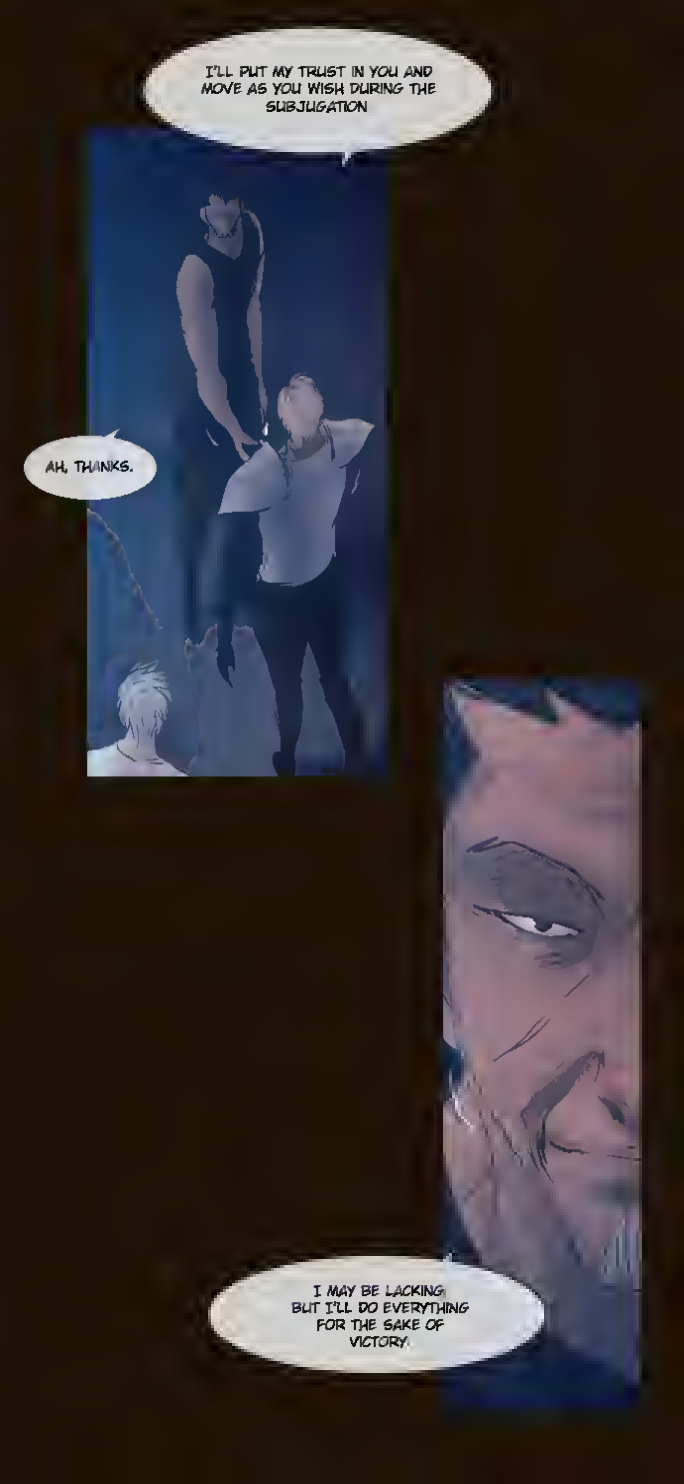

HAHAHAHA,
RIGHT. RIGHT.

WELL, UNTIL TOMORROW, CAPTAIN.
HEH, IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE GAVE UP MY POSITION
JUST HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO CALL ME CAPTAIN, EH?
HAHA, HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU THINK I'VE SERVED UNDER YOU, CAPTAIN?
I JUST FEEL THE MOST COMFORTABLE WHEN I CALL YOU CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN

OH, IS THAT RIGHT? ANYWAYS WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER BEFORE WE DEPART.
.....
WE'LL BE SURE TO DRAG IN BUD WITH US WHEN WE DO.
EVER SINCE THAT FELLOW RETIRED. HE'S BEEN GIVING US EXCUSES TELLING US HE'S BUSY...
BUT IF HE HEARS CAPTAIN CALLED HIM, I BET HE'LL COME RUNNING ON OVER.
HEH
OH YEAH? I AM PRETTY CURIOUS AS TO HOW BUD IS DOING

WELL THEN,
WE'LL BE OFF.
REST WELL.
STEP
STEP

IT SEEMS TODAY IS JUST *FULL* OF UNIQUE EXPERIENCES.
I'LL BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING YOU.
YOUR TALENT IS GOING TO WASTE AS A MERE BOUNTY HUNTER.


I'LL PUT MY TRUST IN YOU AND MOVE AS YOU WISH DURING THE SUBJUGATION
AH, THANKS.
I MAY BE LACKING, BUT I'LL DO EVERYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF VICTORY.

I'LL SEE YOU TWO TOMORROW MORNING.

STEP
STEP

PHEW...
TODAY SURE WAS A HECTIC DAY.
BOTH YOUR MIND AND BODY MUST BE EXHAUSTED. ON TOP OF THIS MEETING, YOU FOUGHT *THE* MERCENARY KING DURING THE DAY.
HAHAHA.
~HAAS~ I FEEL LIKE MY LEGS WILL GIVE OUT AT ANY SECOND.

HALFWAY THROUGH THE MEETING, I COULDN'T EVEN FOLLOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.
I FELT SO OUT OF PLACE...
WELL, APART FROM THE BEGINNING, ALL WE DID WAS GO OVER THE BASICS SO THERE'S NO REASON TO BE SO DOWN ON YOURSELF.
But it looks like our plan has deviated quite a bit from what we originally planned.
HALT
What's up with that?

AH. I FORGOT ALL ABOUT YOU
You kidding ㅁㄷ?!!!
HAHA, YOU WERE PRETTY SILENT THE ENTIRE DAY.
THAT'S TRUE. DIDN'T EVEN SAY A WORD EVEN WHEN I FOUGHT THE MERCENARY KING.
Hgh!
SINCE YOU KEPT YOUR MOUTH SHUT THE ENTIRE DAY. I COULDN'T EVEN TELL YOU WERE EVEN THERE

Sheesh. Even I know how read the mood. It wasn't my place to talk in a situation like that
HMPH!
I even kept my mouth shut after that incredible clash and endured the pain. Not that *you* would understand how much pain I was in.
YOU SURE ARE FULL OF YOURSELF.
You bastard...

So what?! When I decide to be considerate, you find me comical?! Want me to chatter like no tomorrow every time you do something?!!!
CONSIDERATE, YOU SAY...
HAHAHA.
I endured so much today yet THIS is how you treat me?! I really have a bone to pick with you! How could you treat me like this?!!!

Even back at Modern Castle, I endured so much pain that I even considered breaking off our relationship! You know what? And you know what? Molly and Irem have been ignoring and mocking me behind my back lately, but if you start and join in with them, I swear I'll throw you aside. Don't underestimate me because I'm a weapon. You know I can transform, right? I swear to god I'll turn into a axe or something. No, maybe I'll transform into a blade without a handle so you can't even hold me! How would you like that, huh?!

Back in the days, I went off the MOMENT anyone mistreated me. My character and personality sure has died dealing with all this shit. Wow, this is plain RIDICULOUS!!!

SO, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TAKE COMMAND OF THE OPERATION?
Ignore
WHEN WE DISCUSSED THINGS LAST NIGHT. WE...
AHH...
HEH.
Hey, you listening? I'm seriously pissed off!!!

AT FIRST, I DIDN'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT...
Hey, Enzu!!!
BUT AFTER DEALING WITH THAT FELLOW, RANG, I CHANGED MY MIND.
HE'S A TROUBLESOME OPPONENT, CONTRARY TO HOW HE LOOKS.
BEFORE MEETING HIM, I WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE THE SUBJUGATION PLANS AS IS AND WORK AROUND IT...
.....
BUT IF OUR LITTLE GROUP WERE TO MOVE ABOUT WITHIN THE ARMY...

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE WE'LL BE ABLE TO THROW OFF THAT MAN?

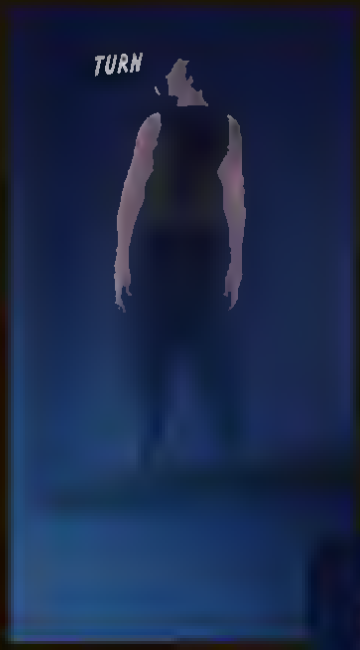
IN ORDER TO MOVE ABOUT MORE FREELY, WE NEEDED A HIGHER RANK.

AHH, SO THAT'S WHY...

RIGHT. LUCKILY, THEY WERE IN NEED OF A STRATEGIST TO REDUCE LOSSES.

HOWEVER, DUE TO THIS, THINGS MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE A LITTLE MORE TROUBLESOME THAN EXPECTED
IT HAS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO PULL OUR HANDS OUT OF THIS PLAN.
HMM...
IT'S POSSIBLE WE MAY HAVE GONE A LITTLE TOO FAR...

HONESTLY... I WAS ONLY PLANNING TO GO ON FOR ANOTHER 2 TO 3 YEARS.
HMM...


TURN

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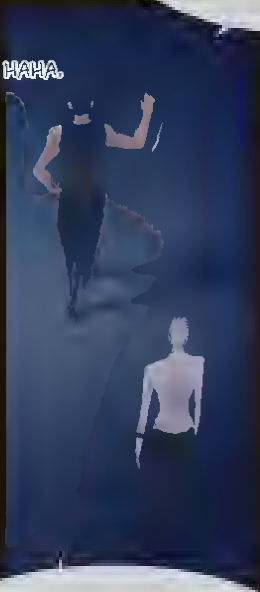
BUT DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS...
THIS SUBJUGATION...

MAY BE THE STAGE IN WHICH I RETIRE FROM THIS WORLD OF VIOLENCE
HAHA, LOOKING AT THE SITUATION, RIGHT *NOW* MAY ALSO BE THE BEST TIME TO RETIRE.
SINCE I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ELLIE AND ALL.

IT'S A STORY THAT'S STILL FAR OFF. DON'T THINK TOO HARD ABOUT IT.



ESPECIALLY SINCE I'VE BEEN CONSIDERING WHEN TO RETIRE FOR A WHILE NOW.

MORE IMPORTANTLY,
I'VE BEEN REALLY WORRIED
ABOUT HOW I LEFT ELLIE
ALONE FOR A WHILE NOW
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF
SHE KEPT SLEEPING BUT
SINCE YOU NEVER KNOW...
AH, RIGHT SHE'S IN THE
MIDDLE OF HAVING A FIGHT
WITH IREM!
I can imagine the scenario now
Both of them awkwardly staring
at each other
YOU DONE POUTING?
YOU WERE GOING OFF AT
US A MINUTE AGO.
I-It's not like I'm not
mad or anything, okay?
ALRIGHT~ ALRIGHT

Geez, you little... You're starting to irritate me already
HAHA, YOU TWO SHOULD ALSO STOP FIGHTING AND GET ALONG.
GET ALONG? HE'S THE ONE WHO'S SULKING BY HIMSELF. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
Ah, Enzu you little... Grr...
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
Enzu!!!
LET IT GO ALREADY.

HM...
STARTLE
AH...

DID THEY MEND THEIR RELATIONSHIP? I THOUGHT IT WOULD LAST FOR DAYS ..
SERIOUSLY.
How boring
It's already over?
AFTER WAITING FOR SO LONG. THESE TWO JUST FELL ASLEEP.
DON'T WAKE THEM UP.

WHAT HAPPENED?
ELLIE WOULD TURN AWAY AT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST GLANCE...
SO I COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED THE TWO FALLING ASLEEP TOGETHER WHEN WE CAME BACK.

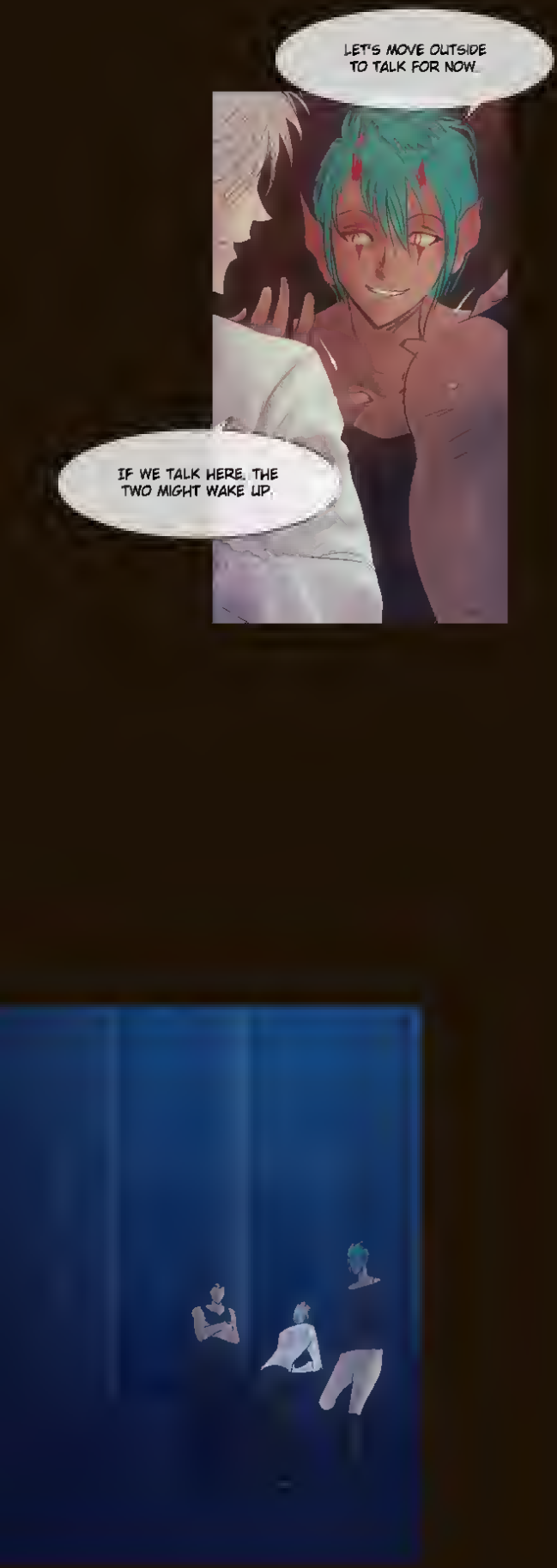
FIGHTS BETWEEN CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
HUHH.
NOTHING MUCH TO SAY.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DID THINGS TURN OUT WELL?
AH...

THAT'S...
CREAK
I GUESS YOU CAN SAY THAT...
WELL ALTHOUGH WE DISCUSSED A LOT OF IMPORTANT TOPICS...
?
THE BIGGEST THING THAT HAPPENED IS PROBABLY...
HOW KAL-AJUSSI WAS PLACED AS THE COMMANDER
OF BOTH THE BOUNTY HUNTERS AND MERCENARIES

WHA...?!!!
SHOCK
...HBH!

HMM...

MMNY...


LET'S MOVE OUTSIDE TO TALK FOR NOW.
IF WE TALK HERE, THE TWO MIGHT WAKE UP.

HM...
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
AFTER LISTENING, WHAT HAPPENED MAKES SENSE

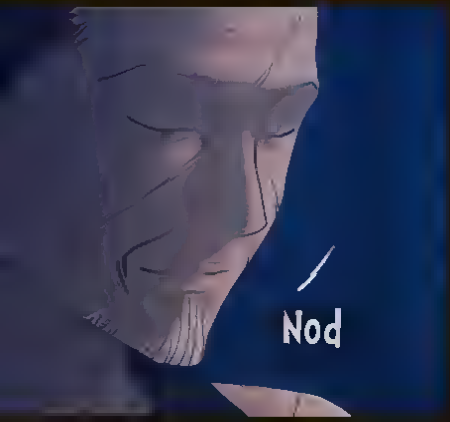
THAT DEFINITELY IS THE BEST CHOICE TO MAKE FOR ELLIE'S SAKE...

ALTHOUGH ELLIE CAN'T SPEAK, I'M SURE SHE HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY WORRYING...

ANYWAYS. LET'S HAVE A MORE DETAILED TALK TOMORROW WITH IREMI...
...AND CALL IT A DAY FOR NOW.
I'LL GO ON AHEAD WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR ROOMS. GO TO SLEEP RIGHT AWAY.
CREAK
G'NIGHT, NOONA.
REMEMBER TO REST TOO, MR. KAL.

AH. BY THE WAY...

ALTHOUGH IT IS A PITY TO SEE YOU RETIRE...
...IT MAY BE FOR THE BEST IN THE LONG RUN.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WELL THEN...

CLICK
Is it a given to ignore my existence?

ALRIGHT...
KRIK
NO NEED TO GET SO DEFENSIVE...
I'll remember this I swear.
SHALL WE HEAD IN FOR THE NIGHT?

WE'LL BE BUSY TOMORROW SO WE SHOULD REST WHILE WE STILL CAN

THERE'S A LOT TO PREPARE AS WELL

Che!

AH... MY PLATE'S REALLY GOING TO FULL ONCE THE ARMY DEPARTS...

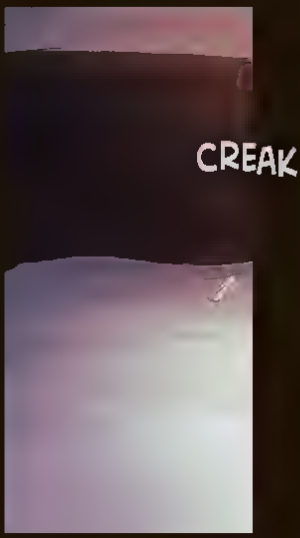
WHAT. WHINING ALREADY? THERE'S STILL MUCH TO BE DONE.

HGH!

Tap

YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN TO GET USED TO THIS KIND OF LIFESTYLE FROM NOW ON.

AH, NOW THAT I LOOK, MY ENTIRE BODY IS STICKY SINCE ELLIE HAS BEEN GLUED TO ME THE ENTIRE DAY.. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO BATH AT ALL
I'LL READY THE BEDS SO YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND WASH UP..
THANKS.


CREAK

I'M BUSHED.
PLOP
Let's go to bed the moment Kal comes out
AHH, YEAH.
I FEEL LIKE I'LL SLEEP THROUGH MORNING IF I FALL ASLEEP NOW

ARE YOU THERE, KAL?
KNOCK KNOCK
WHO COULD IT BE?
What kind of rude guy bothers people this late at night?

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
CLICK

HOHO. AS I THOUGHT. YOU WERE STILL AWAKE
AFTER I HEARD YOU RETURNED...
I WANTED TO HAVE A DRINK...

FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE...
.....
?

SHATTER

HUH?
What's with this geezer?
A-AH...
E-ELW...

PHEW...
CLICK
TOOK A WHILE DIDN'T I?
LOOKS LIKE I MADE YOU
WAIT...

AH...
BANPON-NIM?!
FLUTTER

AHHH, KA... KAL.
.....
TH-THAT MAN IS...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
D-DON'T TELL ME...

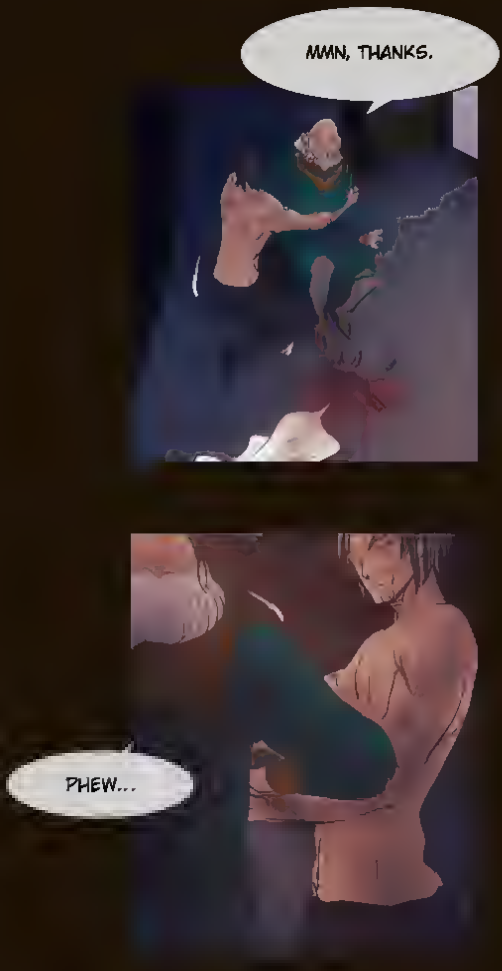
BY BANPON-NIM, DOES HE MEAN MISTY'S LORD?
THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR...
HAHAHA HAHAHA!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE IN SHOCK THINKING YOU FOUND THE WRONG ROOM.
LET ME INTRODUCE THIS FELLOW.
THIS MAN HERE IS BREAKERS. HE IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE BOUNTY HUNTERS AND MY PARTNER.
AH...
ALTHOUGH HE'S YOUNG, HE'S A VERY CHARISMATIC AND DYNAMIC YOUNGSTER.

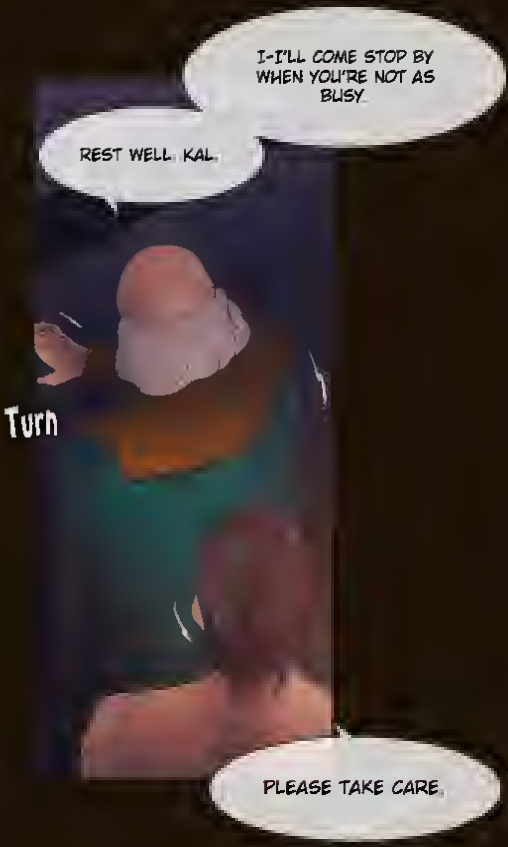
AND LET ME INTRODUCE THIS MAN TO YOU, BREAKERS
THIS HERE IS BANDON-NIM, THE LORD OF THIS CITY.
Nod

.....
I'M BREAKERS

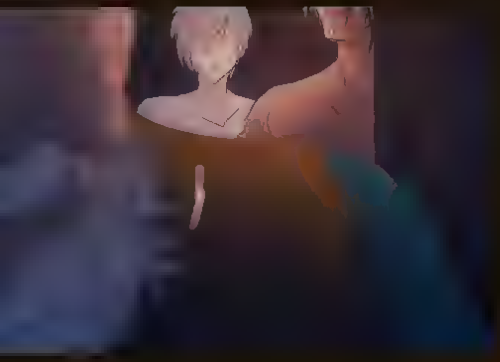
AH...
Realize
I-I SEE.
HOHO R... RIGHT...

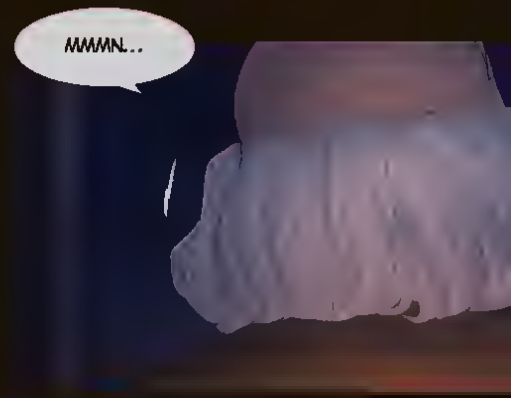

MMN, THANKS.
PHEW...

HOHO, I APOLOGIZE...
FOR SHOWING SUCH A SHAMEFUL FIGURE IN OUR FIRST MEETING
I-I'M REALLY SORRY THIS LATE OF NIGHT..
NOT AT ALL BANPON-NIM..
HOW SHAMEFUL..


I-I'LL COME STOP BY WHEN YOU'RE NOT AS BUSY.
REST WELL, KAL.
Turn
PLEASE TAKE CARE.

HALT

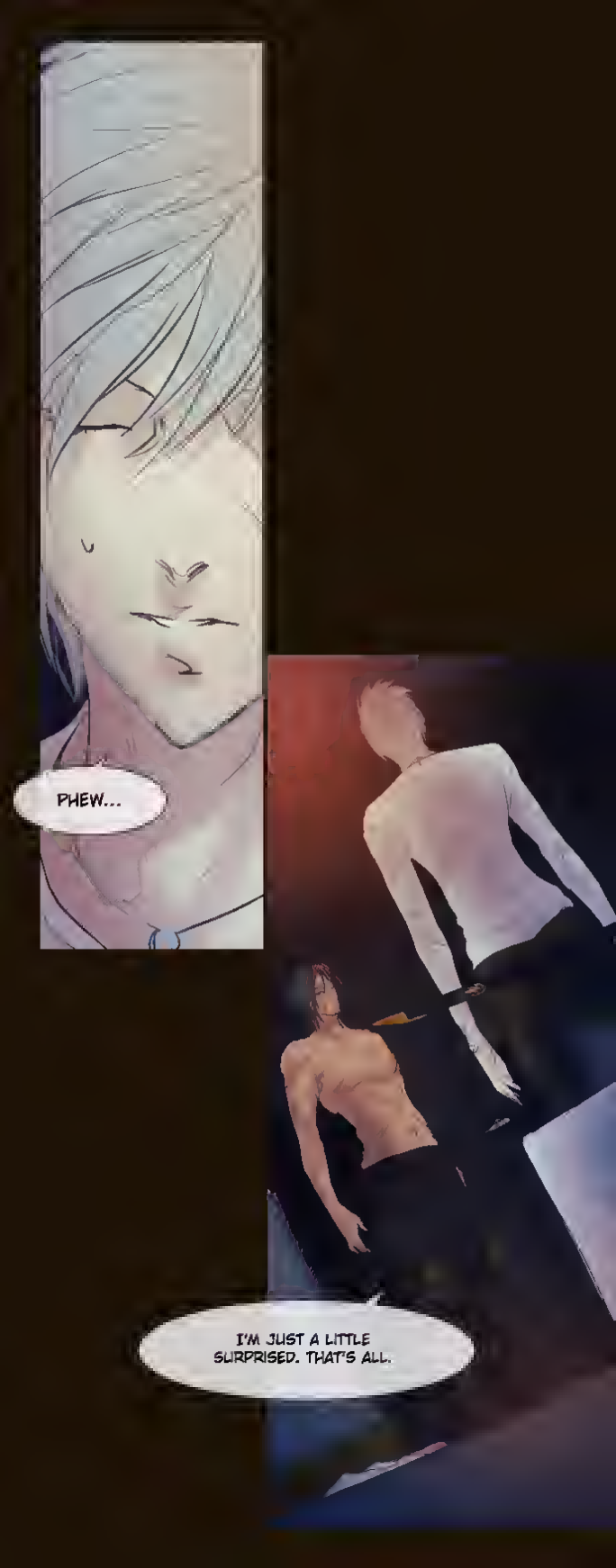



MMMN...

STEP
STEP

.....
CLICK

ENZU...
WHEN HE ENTERED...
I'M ALRIGHT.


PHEW...
I'M JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED. THAT'S ALL.

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I WAS TIRED SO THE CHAPTER IS A DAY LATE. LOOKS LIKE ENZU HAS COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PARENT'S DEATH. OTHER THAN THAT, NOT MUCH HAPPENED.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER ON THE SITE!

Reach

I'M NOW WIDE AWAKE.
Plop

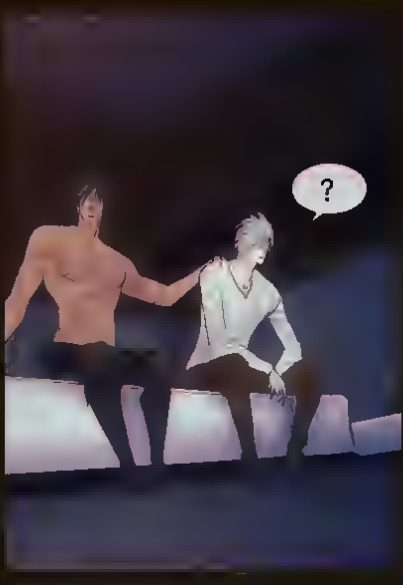
IT FEELS AS IF I RECIEVED A LARGE BLOW TO THE BACK OF MY HEAD
I NEVER EXPECTED SUCH AN EVENT TO OCCUR EITHER

PHEW...
CREAK
I CONSIDERED THE FACT THAT WE COULD RUN INTO BANPON-NIM ONCE THE EXPEDITION WAS UNDERWAY...

BUT NEVER WOULD I HAVE THOUGHT HE WOULD COME TO MEET ME PERSONALLY.
HMM..

WITH ALL THESE CRAZY EVENTS OCCURRING IN MISTY, MY HEAD IS HAVING DIFFICULTY EVEN TELLING LEFT FROM RIGHT.
THANKS TO THAT, IT'S HARD TO EVEN JUDGE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS MEETING

KNOCK KNOCK


?

CLICK
AH...
CREAK
A-AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT, I TOOK THE EFFORT TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE...
SO RETURNING EMPTY-HANDED WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT OF A WASTE

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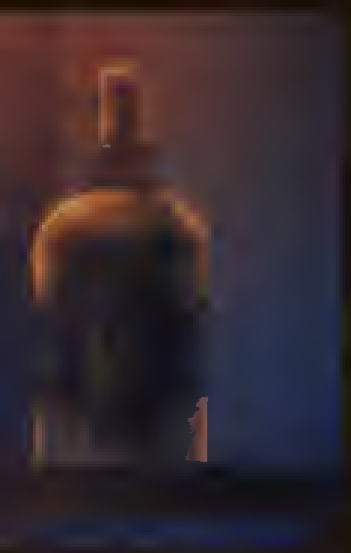


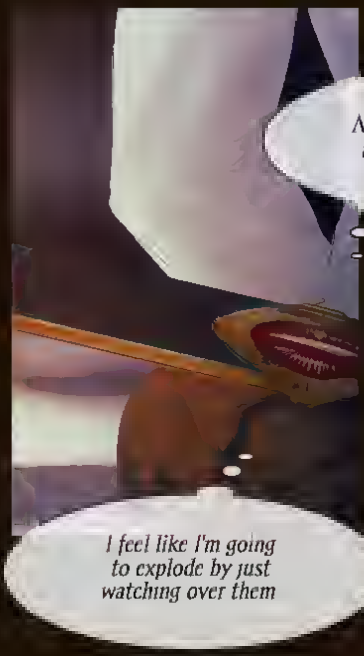
Pour

HM...
DRINKING WINE WITHOUT A SINGLE WORD... AT LEAST SAY SOMETHING TO DISPEL THIS AWKWARD ATMOSPHERE.
PEEK
A

.....
DO YOU STILL CARRY THE HABIT OF DRINKING BEFORE BED?

HOHO. THAT'S LONG IN THE PAST.
THESE DAYS. I KNOCK OUT THE MOMENT I PLACE THE PILLOW UNDER MY HEAD.
IS THAT RIGHT? THAT HABIT HAD WORRIED ME FOR A LONG TIME. SO THAT IS A RELIEF.
PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH FROM NOW ON.

HOHOHO. ARE YOU REGARDING ME AS SOME KINDA OLD GEEZER?


Man these humans are so frustrating.
I feel like I'm going to explode by just watching over them

OH MY. IT SEEMS I HAVE SAT HERE FOR TOO LONG.
AH...

I DRANK WELL THANKS TO YOU TWO. I MUST TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.
HEADED BACK TO THE CASTLE?
AH. THAT'S RIGHT. KAL. DO YOU REMEMBER ELWOOD?
PUNCH

YES, SINCE I HAD SERVED UNDER HIM FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME...
AHH IS THAT RIGHT?
FOR WHAT REASON DO YOU ASK SO SUDDENLY...?
.....

AHH, MANY THINGS OCCURED AFTER YOU RETIRED AND LEFT MISTY.
ONE OF THEM REGARDS THE TREATMENT OF ELWOOD...
AFTER THE CONTINENT WAS UNIFIED, ELWOOD'S STATUS HAD BEEN RESTORED.
DUE TO THIS...

ELWOOD'S BODY HAS BEEN MOVED FROM OUTSIDE TO WITHIN THE CASTLE.
.....
SINCE YOU HAD SERVED UNDER HIM AT SOME POINT IT WOULD BE NICE OF YOU TO GO VISIT HIM AT LEAST ONCE.
AH, I SHALL. I'LL GO VISIT FIRST THING TOMORROW.
ALRIGHT THEN.

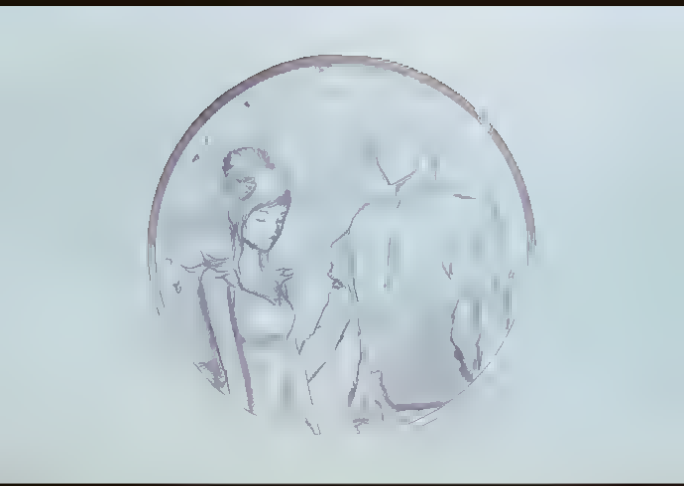
NOW I REALLY MUST LEAVE. NO NEED TO SEE ME OUT.
CREAK
THEN, PLEASE HAVE A NICE REST.
AHEM.

I AM ALSO QUITE DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.
BE SURE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF IN PHILLIS.
BOW

CLICK
WELL THEN...

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, I THINK HE CAUGHT ON.
SO IT SEEMS.
HE PROBABLY CAME BACK IN ORDER TO HAVE THIS TALK.
I SUPPOSE WHAT HE HAD DONE WAS TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BEAR.

MORE IMPORTANTLY...
THE NIGHT IS LATE
AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO WAKE UP TOMORROW...
LET'S SLEEP.



HM...
"FACING THE WORLD BOLDLY, THE VALIANT ELWOOD."
"A WOMAN WHO ENVELOPED THE WORLD. BELLADIS."

"HUMBLY EMBRACING...
...THE CONTINENT OF CANTERRA WITHOUT SHAME."

A BEAUTIFUL EPITAPH. QUITE UNLIKE BANPON-NIM.

IT SEEMS MANY PEOPLE STILL SEEK OUT THIS GRAVE.

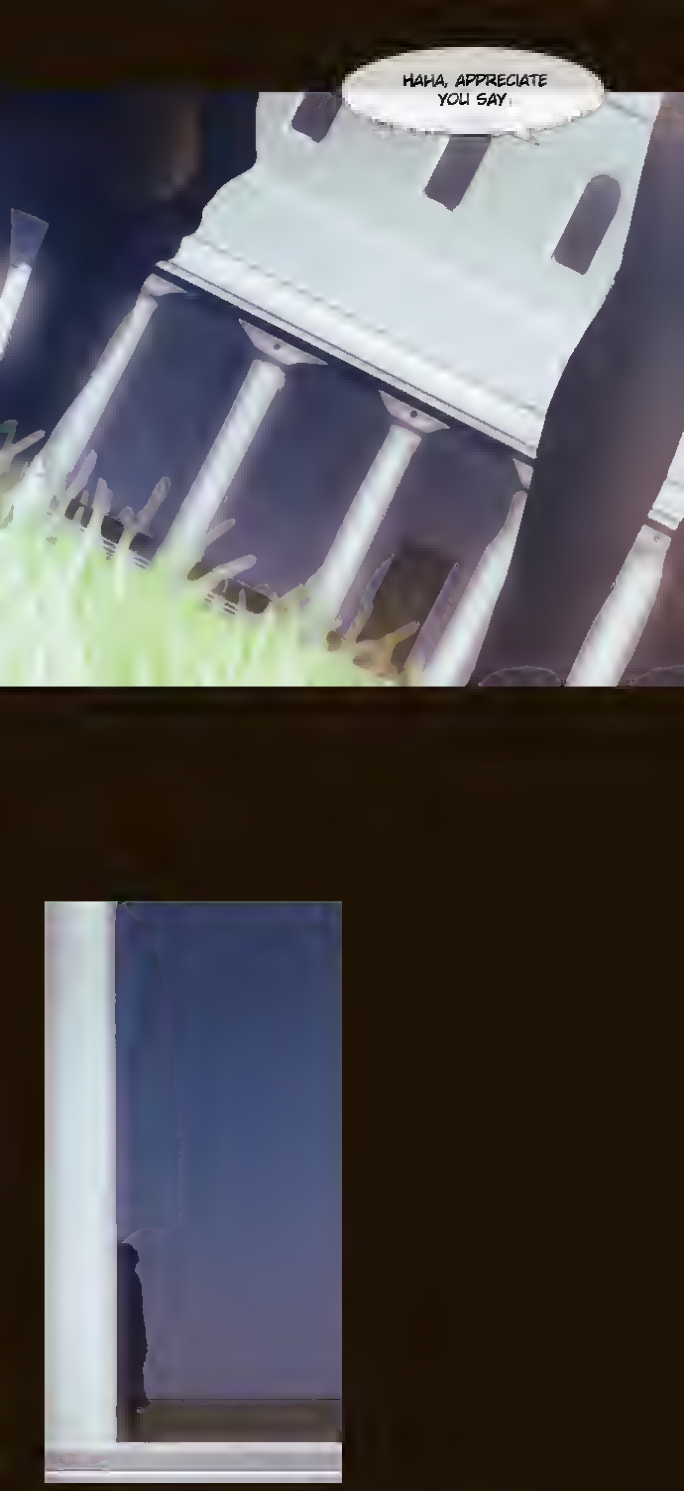
THE SPACE AROUND THE GRAVE HAS BEEN CLEANED AS WELL...
THEY WERE ALL PEOPLE WHO FONDLY REMEMBERED THEM, AFTER ALL.
HM...
THEY ARE JUST GIVING BACK WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED.

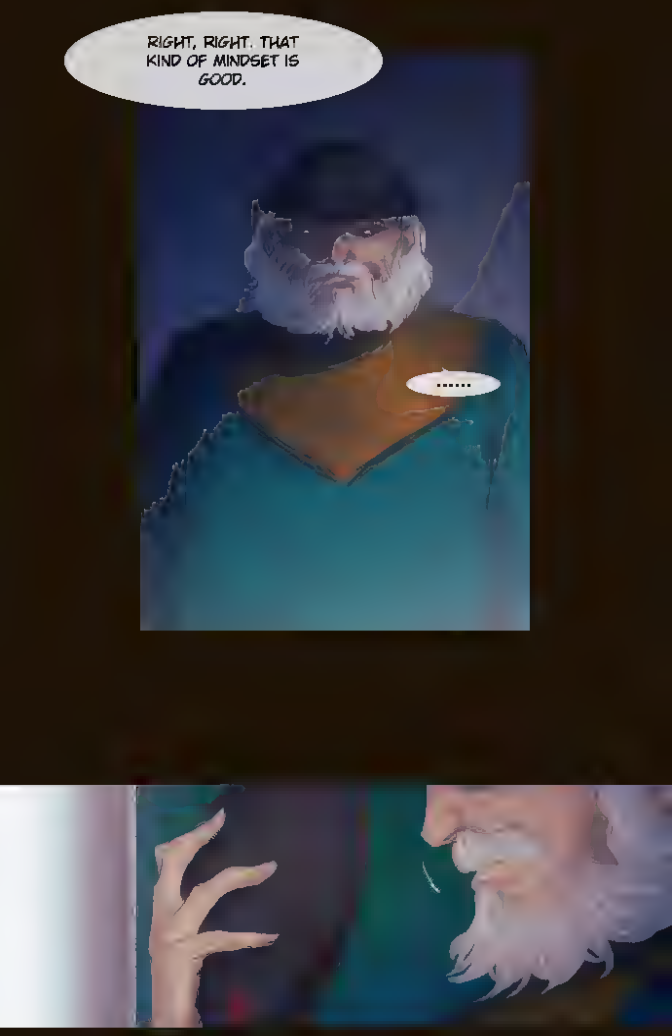
RAISE

HUMBLY EMBRACING THE CONTINENT OF CANTERRA WITHOUT SHAME...

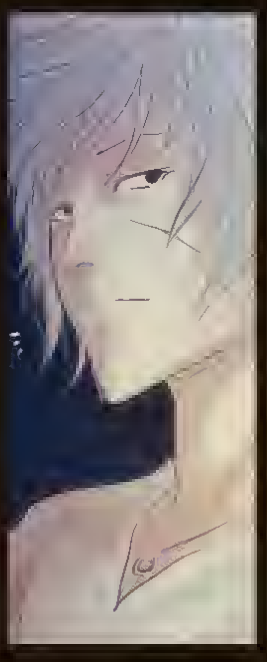
SINCE WE'RE ALREADY OUTSIDE WHY DON'T WE TAKE A SHORT WALK BEFORE HEADING IN?

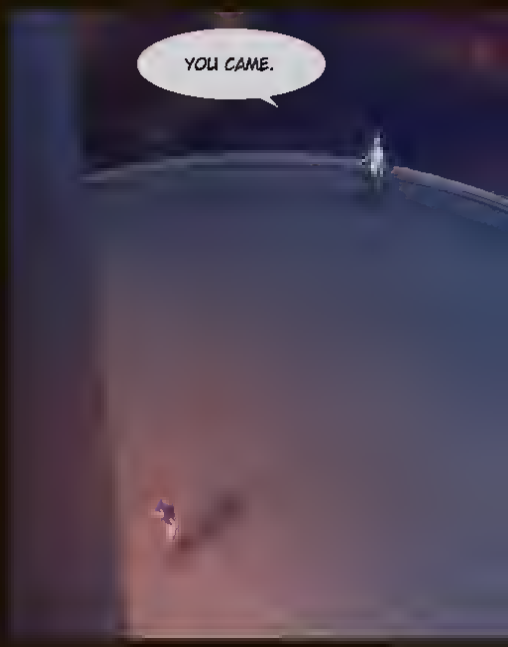
ALRIGHT. WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE.
I SUPPOSE IT'S FINE TO STAY AND APPRECIATE THIS PLACE A LITTLE LONGER.


HAHA, APPRECIATE
YOU SAY


RIGHT, RIGHT. THAT KIND OF MINDSET IS GOOD.
.....

Whoooooooosh




YOU CAME.

WHAT IS IT?
LOWER
CALLING ME OUT THIS LATE AT NIGHT...

OH? YOU'RE HERE WITHOUT THAT CHATTERBOX BY YOUR SIDE
AH...
HE'S ALWAYS STUCK BY YOUR SIDE NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO.
HAHA, HE WAS A LITTLE TOO NOISY FOR MY TASTES.

NOISY? WHEN IS HE *NOT* NOISY?
BY THE WAY. THE TOWN HAS BEEN PRETTY LIVELY ALL NIGHT. WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

THERE'S A BIG FESTIVAL GOING ON WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE DAY OF OUR DEPARTURE.
I HEAR THERE'S EVEN A SPECIAL EVENT OCCURRING SOMETIME TONIGHT.
AH, MUST BE NICE. I WANT TO GO OUT AND SEE IT TOO...

I BET FESTIVALS IN CITIES AS LARGE AS THIS ARE REAL FUN SINCE THE SCALE IS DIFFERENT...
HEH...

I WENT TO VISIT MY PARENTS TODAY.

YOU SEE, YESTERDAY NIGHT, THE LORD PAID ME A VISIT.
WHAT?!
HE TOLD ME THAT THE GRAVE HAD BEEN MOVED FROM OUTSKIRTS TO THE INSIDES OF THE CASTLE
WHY ARE TELLING ME SOMETHING THIS IMPORTANT NOW?!!!

ENZU, JUST WHAT DO YOU SEE US AS...?!!!
SORRY...
BUT...
I WANTED TO CONFIRM IT MYSELF.

I DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW SUCH A SHAMEFUL FIGURE AS I DID BEFORE
ENZU...
NEXT TIME, LET'S HEAD OVER THERE TOGETHER

ALRIGHT.
WE'LL GO FIRST THING TOMORROW.
TOGETHER WITH MATTHEW-UNNI, ELLIE, AND EVERYONE ELSE...
...JUST THE TWO OF US
SHOCK

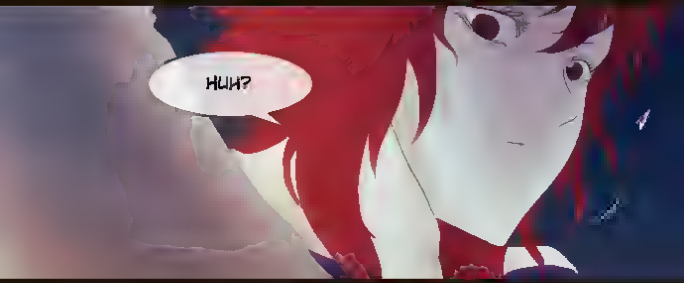
НШН?

AH...

MMM...

WELL...
THAT WORKS, TOO...

Slide


HUH?

WHAT'S THIS?
?
TO...
TODAY S YOUR BIRTHDAY. ISN'T IT?

WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN? YOU *NEVER* BOTHERED TO GET ME ANYTHING BEFORE...
COULD THIS BE BECAUSE MOLLY-UNNI THREW ME A PARTY THIS YEAR?
T-TRY OPENING IT.

YOU'RE SO STRANGE THESE DAYS... IT FEELS AS IF YOUR CUTE POINTS DISAPPEARED.
R-REALLY?
YUP. HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...
AH. IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE IT IN A SINGLE WORD IT WOULD BE "SHAMELESS".
UGH, AM I REALLY LIKE THAT?

HAA. THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH. DON'T YOU THINK?
FUNCH
AH...

THIS IS...
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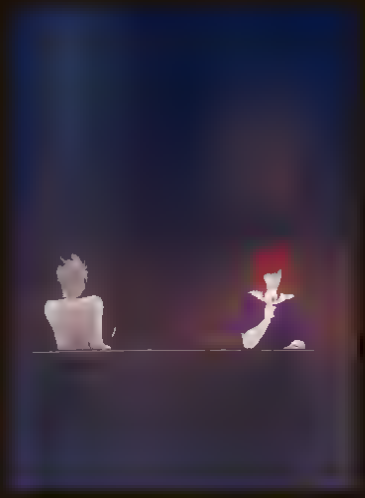
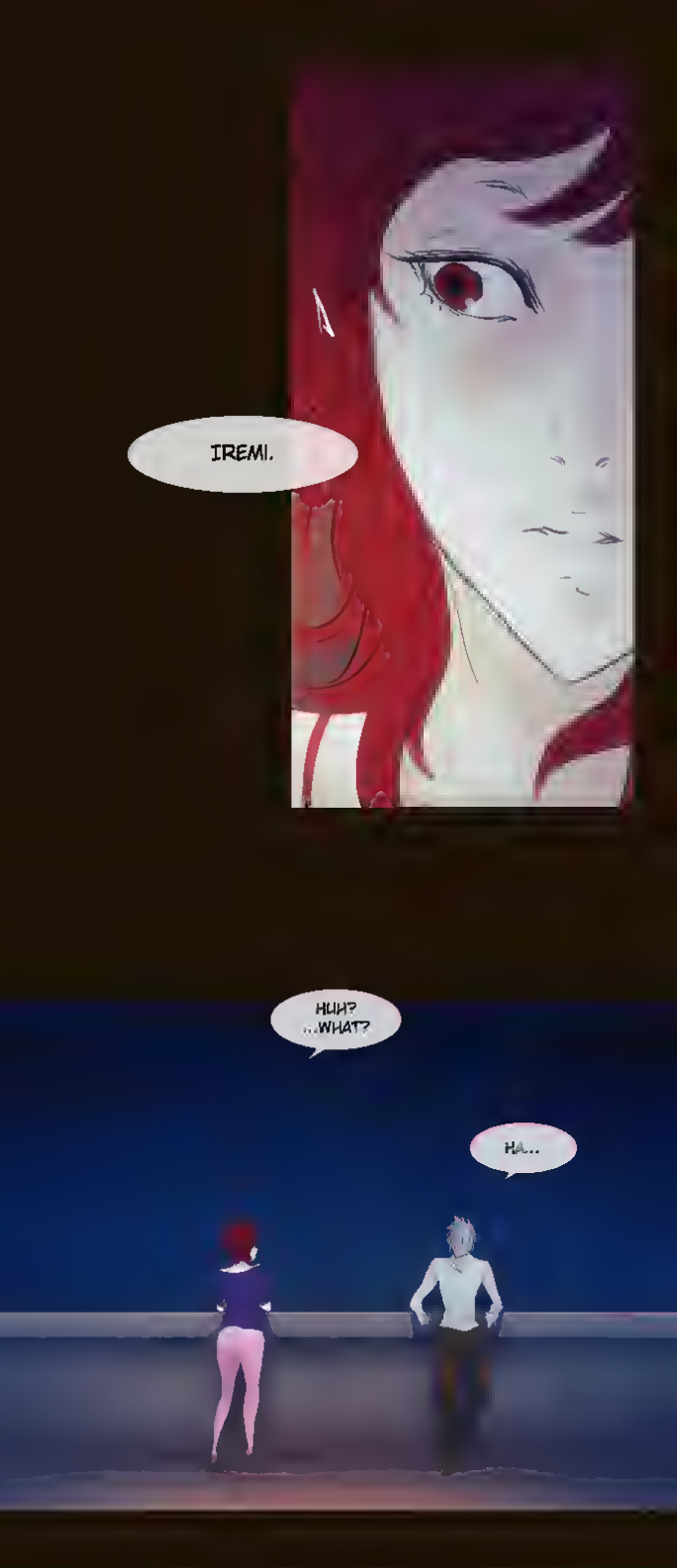
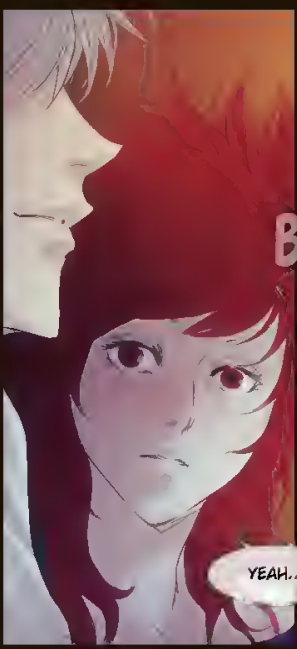



IREMI.
HUH? ...WHAT?
HA...

KABANG
BANG
HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

AH...

SO THIS WAS THE SPECIAL EVENT, HUH?
HOW BEAUTIFUL



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GET! ENZU JUST GRASPED THE FINAL FLAG. LOOKS LIKE BANPON ISN'T AS MUCH OF AN ASSHOLE AS EXPECTED. AH WELL.

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D-DO YOU LIKE IT?
HUH?
...YOUR PRESENT
AH...

I'M ASKING... WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.
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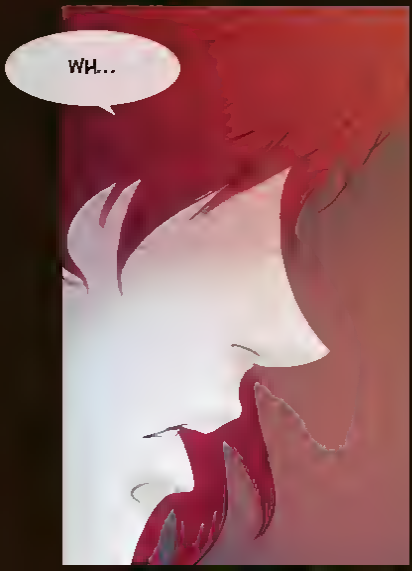

WH...

WHY DID YOU ONLY GIVE ME ONE SIDE?!!!
WHAT?!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BUY ME A CLIP, YOU SHOULD'VE GIVEN ME THE FULL PAIR!!!
...EH?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH JUST THIS?!!!
I-IS IT REALLY LIKE THAT?
CAN'T YOU JUST WEAR THE CLIP ON THE OTHER SIDE?
YOU MORON!!!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME A PRESENT, YOU SHOULD'VE GIVEN ME SOMETHING BIG RATHER THAN...
HGH!
WELL, YOU SHOULD'VE ASKED SOMEONE IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
BACK THEN AND EVEN NOW, YOU STILL DON'T HAVE AN OUNCE OF SENSIBILITY...

BUYING SOMETHING WITHOUT A SINGLE THOUGHT...
HAHA...

YOU IDIOT. MORON.
HGH!
KGH!

GEEZ, EVEN AFTER YOUR GROWN UP. WHY IS IT THAT THIS PART OF YOU IS STILL THE SAME?
AHHHH...
...I LIKE IT.
THERE, I SAID IT.

CHE!
IREMI. SO YOU REALLY LIKE MY...

NO, I DON'T!
I HATE IT!!!
HGH!
SERIOUSLY!!!
HMPH!
HAA...

B-BUT STILL...
SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME...

I'LL LET YOU OFF WITH JUST THIS

HAHA.

THE SKY SURE IS PRETTY.
YEAH.

SLAM
STEP
STEP
IREMI. WHERE *WERE* YOU THIS LATE AT...

?
PLOP

AH, DID YOU SEE THE FIREWORKS THAT WENT OFF EARLIER?
I WAS LOOKING FOR EVERYONE SO WE COULD WATCH TOGETHER...
I SAW THEM.
REALLY?

IT SURE WAS PRETTY... THIS WAS MY FIRST TIME SEEING FIREWORKS OF THAT SCALE
WAS IT A FIRST FOR YOU TOO, ELLIE?
ESPECIALLY TOWARDS THE END, IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.
RAISE
.....

MY FEELINGS LINGERED EVEN AFTER IT ENDED...
I JUST STARED AT THE SKY FOR SOME TIME
ENZU, THAT BASTARD...
IS HE TRYING TO APOLOGIZE FOR SOME THING HE HAS DONE?

SINCE HE'S SO BUSY THESE DAYS, I DON'T THINK WE MET THAT OFTEN...
COULD IT BE...?

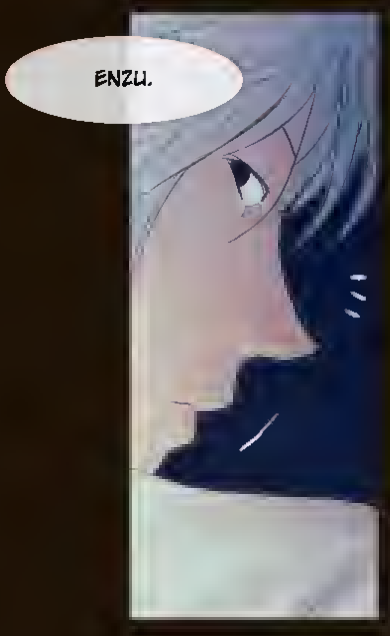
DON'T TELL ME...
CLENCH
OOOOOOOOOH!!!

?
OOOOH!!!
AHHH,
HOW SUFFOCATING!!!

Enzu!!!
How dare you just leave me here and....!!!
Hey, Enzu!!!

OH, IS IT OVER?
WELL WE BETTER HEAD ON IN.
THE NIGHT AIR IS A LITTLE CHILLY.

NOT COMING, ENZU?
AH. I WANT TO STAY OUT HERE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
SUIT YOURSELF.


ENZU.

I DON'T KNOW...
WHETHER OR NOT I'LL WEAR THE PRESENT YOU GAVE...
AND TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT SURE IF IT WILL EVEN FIT ME...

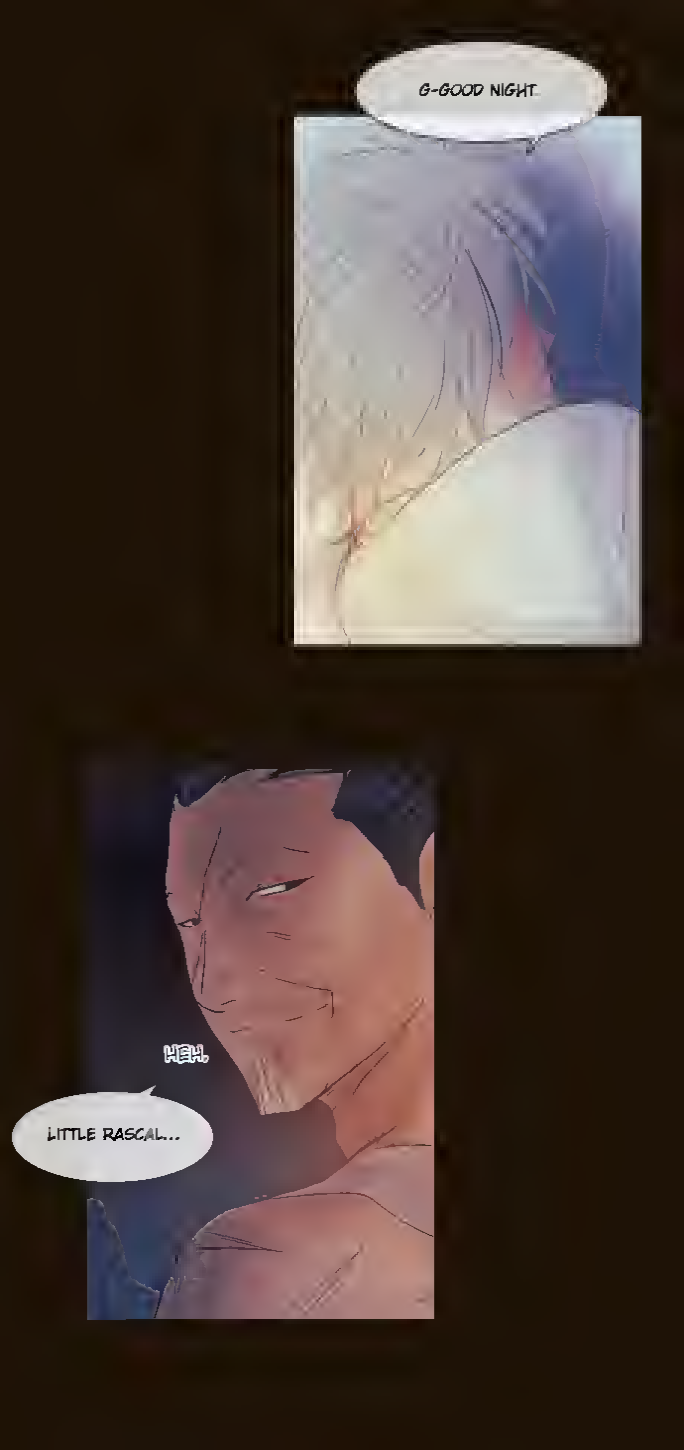
SINCE IT WOULD BE WEIRD TO WEAR IT ALONE AND ALL...
BUT WELL...

THANKS.
THANKS.
You listening?!
THANKS.
THANKS.
THANKS.

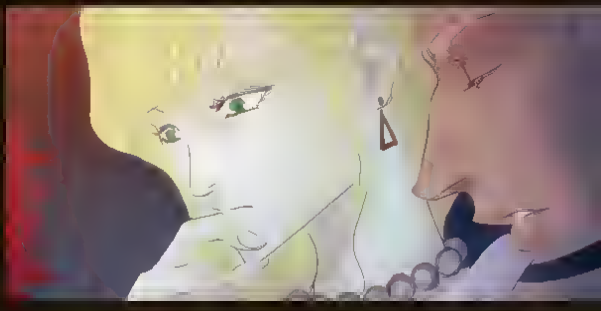
Enzu!!!
CREAK
AH. I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE YOU WERE ALREADY BACK

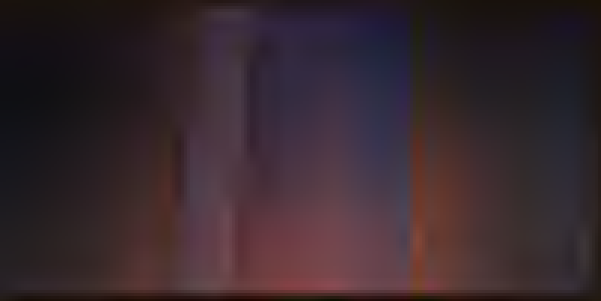
THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE LOOKING FOR YOU A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
HUH? WHAT'S WITH YOUR FACE? DID YOU GO OUT DRINKING?
AH...
TAP

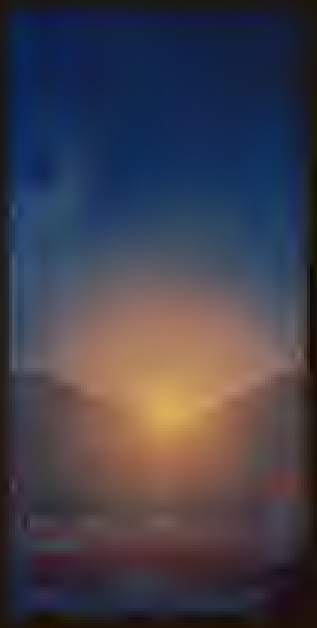
AH, IT'S...!!!
?
IT'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!!
IT'S LATE, SO I'M GOING TO BED!!!


G-GOOD NIGHT.
HEH.
LITTLE RASCAL...

SLEEP TIGHT.
SWEET DREAMS.







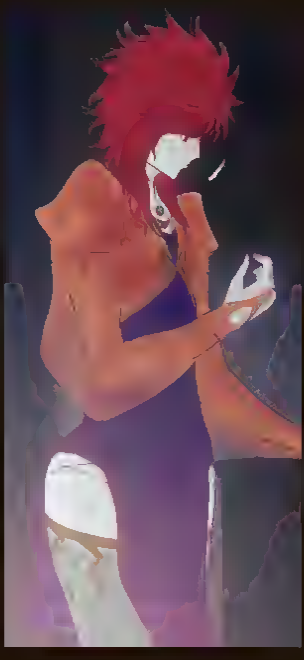
IREMI YOU HAVE TO HURRY UP AND GET READY.
AH!
WE'RE ABOUT TO LEAVE.

I-I'M ALMOST FINISHED.

THEN I'LL STORE THE LUGGAGE AWAY AND HEAD TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE WITH ELLIE...

SO COME ON OUT QUICK, OKAY?

BE QUICK
ALRIGHT, UNNI.
.....



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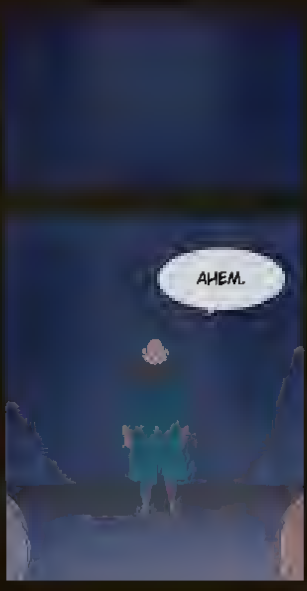
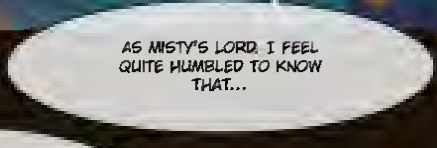

AHEM.

ALLOW ME TO START BY SAYING HOW MUCH OF AN HONOR IT IS TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME IN ORDER TO BRING PEACE TO THIS CONTINENT


AS MISTY'S LORD, I FEEL QUITE HUMBLED TO KNOW THAT...

I HAVE PLAYED MY PART IN AIDING THE SUBJUGATION.

SINCE OUR CONTINENT HASN'T BEEN UNITED VERY LONG, THE SITUATION IS QUITE UNSTABLE
THE FACT THAT VARIOUS GROUPS CAME TOGETHER TO POOL THEIR STRENGTH...
MAY BE THE VERY FIRST STEP IN BRINGING PEACE TO THIS UNIFIED CONTINENT.
SO THAT MAN IS BANPON. ENZU'S...
YUP. ALSO, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, SINCE ENZU'S STATUS WAS RESTORED...
DOESN'T THAT MEAN ENZU IS NOW A FULLY-FLEDGED NOBLE?
AH, THAT INFORMATION IS A STRICT SECRET FROM MOLLY-UNNI, OKAY?

HAHAHA, IF SHE FOUND OUT, ALL HELL WOULD BREAK LOOSE. OF COURSE IT'S A SECRET FROM HER
HAA, IF OUR WORK BECOMES ANYMORE COMPLICATED I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
ELLIE, YOU REMEMBER THE PROMISE YOU MADE WITH BIG SISTER, RIGHT?
Nod

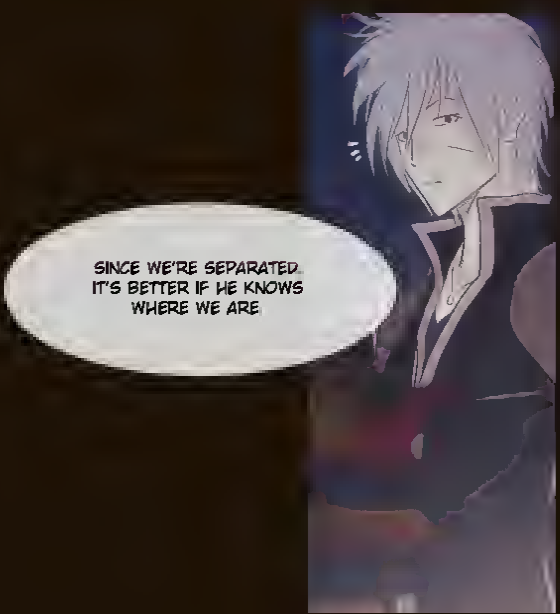
YOU HAVE TO STICK CLOSE OKAY?
YOU MUSTN'T BE STUBBORN AND MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR BIG SISTER, OKAY?
HUH, THAT'S NEW?
WHERE DID YOU GET IT? YOU NEVER CHANGE YOUR HAIRCLIPS....
AH...

T-THIS CLIP CAUGHT MY EYES WHILE SHOPPING, SO I BOUGHT IT
REALLY? THAT'S RATHER SURPRISING...
S-SURPRISING YOU SAY...
?

AH, ENZU'S COMING OUT.
OH, HE'S GIVING OFF AN AURA OF RESPONSIBILITY.
HE DOESN'T LOOK OUT OF PLACE WITHIN THAT GROUP AT ALL

Nod

AH, HE LOOKED THIS WAY..
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T MAKE US STAND OUT...

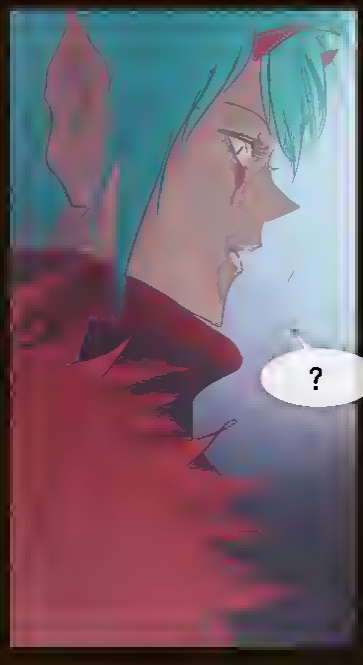

SINCE WE'RE SEPARATED IT'S BETTER IF HE KNOWS WHERE WE ARE

EVEN SO...
SINCE ELLIE IS
ALSO WITH US, IT'S BEST
IF WE DON'T...

GULP

AH...

HMPH!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STEP
1
TODAY IS A DAY THAT
WILL GO DOWN IN
HISTORY!!!

THIS DAY WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE THE DAY WE EMBARK TO TEAR DOWN THE LEGEND OF EDERMASK, WHO HAD PLAGUED THIS CONTINENT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!!!
ALL OF YOU ARE THE HEROES OF THIS WAR!!!
ALL OF YOU WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY!!!

THAT'S RIGHT!!!
YOU ALL ARE GOING TO
BECOME LEGENDS!!!
THIS
IS THE EXPEDITION
YOU ALL HAVE BEEN
WAITING FOR!!!

WE ARE GOING TO
OUR PROMISED LAND,
PHILLIS!!!

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000H!!!
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00H!!!

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME LIKE THE MERCENARY KING?!
DO YOU WANT TO BECOME LIKE BREAKERS?!!!
IF YOU CAPTURE EDERMASK. THE FAME AND GLORY YOU EARN WILL FAR OUTSTRIP THE TWO COMBINED!!!

EVERYONE IN THIS PLAZA WILL HEAR YOUR NAME RUAN THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT UNTIL THEIR EARS BLEED

EVERYONE.

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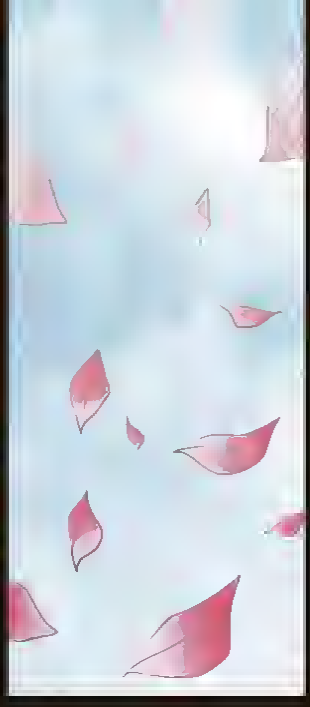
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER ON THE SITE!



WAAAAAAAH

BREAKERS-NIM!!!
KYA!!!
OPPA!!!

ONCE WE LEAVE MISTY, I BET YOU'LL MISS ALL YOUR FANS.
HEH.
GEEZ, AJUSSI...

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, MR. SWORDSMAN.
OH MY, TAKE A LOOK AT HIS BICEPS.
PLEASE CAPTURE EDERMASK FOR US.

PLEASE TAKE CARE AND VISIT AGAIN
HEH, THIS DOESN'T FEEL HALF-BAD
EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT US
KYAA!!!
WAAAAAH

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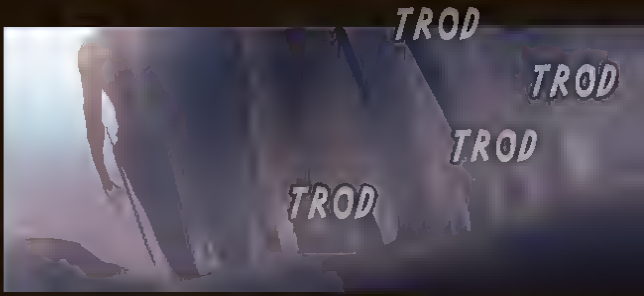
TROD
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HAA...

OUR BREAK ONLY LASTED AN INSTANT AND WE'VE BEEN MARCHING FOR *HOURS*...
HAHA.
WHAT. ALREADY TIRED?

-:HAA:-
TIRED, YOU SAY?
RAISE
NO...
IT'S JUST THAT *THAT* PISSES ME OFF. *THAT* OVER THERE
POINT
AHH...

HOW COME THEY GET TO COMFORTABLY RIDE HORSES WHILE WE HAVE TO MARCH TIRELESSLY...?
WHAT. SO IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I REALLY SHOULD'VE KNOCKED EVERYONE OUT AND CLAIMED THE SPOT OF CAPTAIN...
HAHAHAHA.
LOOKING AT THEM LEISURELY RIDING THEIR HORSES REALLY MAKES ME BOIL INSIDE.
STOP LAUGHING UNNI. AREN'T YOU A LITTLE IRRITATED YOURSELF?

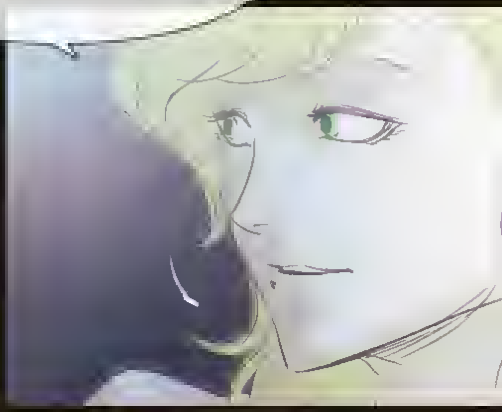
WHAT'S THERE TO BE IRRITATED ABOUT?
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN LONG SINCE SETTLED
EVEN MS. ELLIE IS ENDURING SO THE BIG SISTER SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.
.....

STILL, WHAT CAN I DO? I CAN'T HELP BUT BE PISSED

THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES, RIDING ALL COMFORTABLY...

BY THE WAY.. SINCE MOLLY-UNNI READIED A CARRIAGE.. DON'T YOU REGRET WALKING BY OUR SIDES?

TO PUT IT SIMPLY,
I'M MERELY ACTING
ACCORDING TO PLAN.



IF I WERE TO STAND OUT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO BE GAINED
WHEN YOU'RE TIRED AND WEARY, THINK ABOUT OUR GOALS, THINK ABOUT *WHY* WE ARE HEADED TOWARDS PHILLIS...
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU MS. IREMI?

IT WOULD BE BEST IF ALL OF YOU LAY LOW APART FROM ENZU.
.....
ENZU IS DRAWING ENOUGH ATTENTION AS IS SO IF WE DRAW ANY MORE ATTENTION TOWARDS OUR-SELVES, PEOPLE MAY DRAW SUSPICION WHEN WE CARRY OUT OUR PLAN
IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO QUIETLY MEET EDERMASK AND SLIP OUT OF THE WAR WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.

THIS IS ESPECIALLY DIRECTED TO YOU, IREMI. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU CAN REMAIN UNNOTICED.
HM...
HMPH, I'LL JUST REPAY WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO ME TWO-FOLD LATER.
HAHA, ALRIGHT

HEY, CHECK *THAT* OUT.
Whisper Whisper
AH. WHAT THE HELL IS... *OOH*
THE CURVES ON THIS BABE AIN'T A JOKE.
HEHE, QUITE NICE.

A NICE VIEW TO EASE THE PAIN OF MARCHING, EH?
GREAT, RIGHT? WE DID GOOD COMING THIS WAY
MAN, I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF IT.
-:HAA:-
PIERRE?
YES, MILADY?

TURN
AH...
HEHEHEHE.
OOOH, WHAT ENTICING MOVEMENT.
MAN, THIS IS GREAT.
HGH!!!
STAND
WH-WHAT THE?!!!

HEY, YOU WANT TO DIE?!!!
WATCH WHERE YOU PLACE THAT DIRTY ASS!
YOU LITTLE... YOU LOOKING FOR A BEATING, HUH?!!!
HEY!!!

Place
YOU DARE?

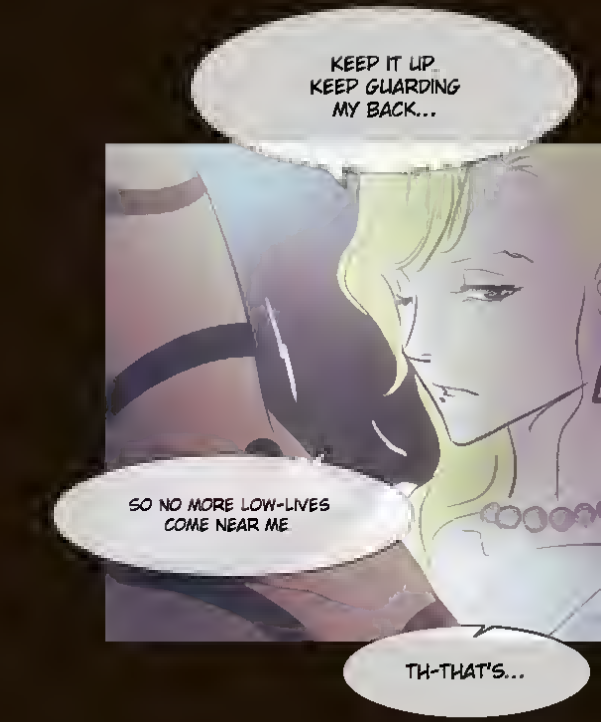
YOU SON OF A...!!!
Glow
HGH... WH-WHAT THE?!!!

I will warn you only once.
Scream, if you want to live.
If any of you come into my view once more...
AH...

I will tear your limbs apart so that you cannot move a single finger.
CLENCH
If you understand, fuck off.
WAAAAAH...
Plop
HGH!

I-I'M SO SORRY!!!
SCAMPER
HEEEEEE!!!
R-RUN FOR IT!!!
HEH.

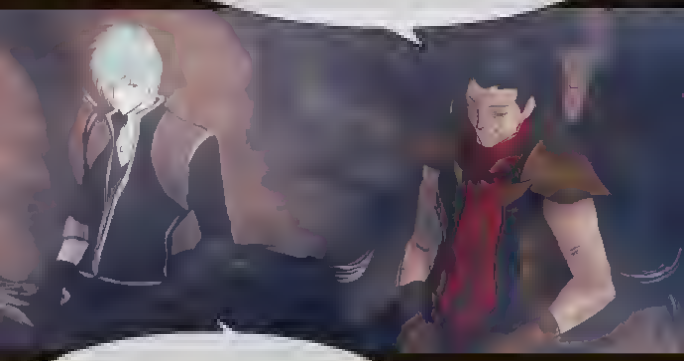
ARE YOU DONE, PIERRE?
AH, YES MILADY. NO NEED TO WORRY ANY LONGER.
THEY SHOULDN'T COME AND BOTHER YOU FROM HERE FORTH
WELL DONE. NOW KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND FOLLOW ME.
SHOCK
HUH?


KEEP IT UP.
KEEP GUARDING
MY BACK...
SO NO MORE LOW-LIVES
COME NEAR ME
TH-THAT'S...

YES, MILADY.
HAA...
AS LONG AS YOU
UNDERSTAND LET'S
BE OFF.

HM, THE BACK IS A LITTLE ROWDY

IF WE MAINTAIN THIS PACE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CROSS THE BORDERS OF PHILLIS AND ENTER THEIR TERRITORY BY THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW



DON'T YOU FEEL THE PACE IS A BIT TOO LEISURELY?

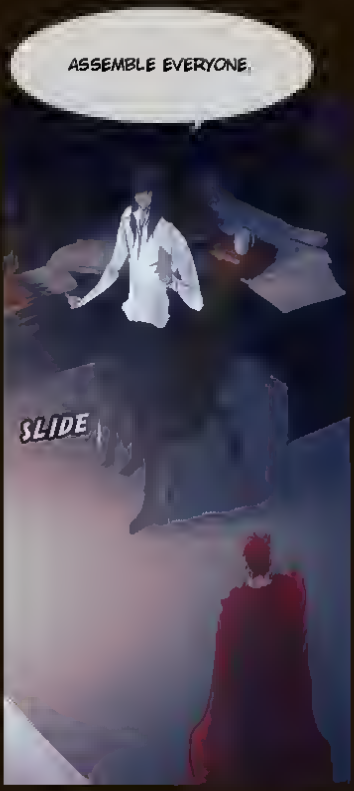
HAHA. WELL I SUPPOSE. PHILLIS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT THE EXPEDITION IS UNDERWAY.
AS LONG AS WE BOTH KNOW OF EACH OTHER'S CONDITION, THIS WILL BECOME A WAR OF ATTRITION
THE WAR HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

Knock knock
THIS IS GEASS.
YES, WHAT IS IT?

CREAK
A REPORT FROM MISTY
THE REPORT STATED THAT MISTY'S COALITION ARMY, RUNNING 3,000 MEN STRONG—
HAS RECENTLY DEPARTED TOWARDS PHILLIS

HM...
HAS THE REPORT FROM ENOK ARRIVED YET?
THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY PARTICULAR MOVEMENT IN ENOK OF YET...
BUT WE FORESEE THEIR ARMY MOVING OUT BY TOMORROW AT LATEST.

A DAY'S DIFFERENCE...
HM...
WASN'T THEIR PLAN TO ATTACK US WITH A PINCER MOVEMENT UTILIZING MISTY AND ENOK?
I SUPPOSE IT COULD BE POSSIBLE THAT THEY HAVE ANOTHER PLAN IN MIND...

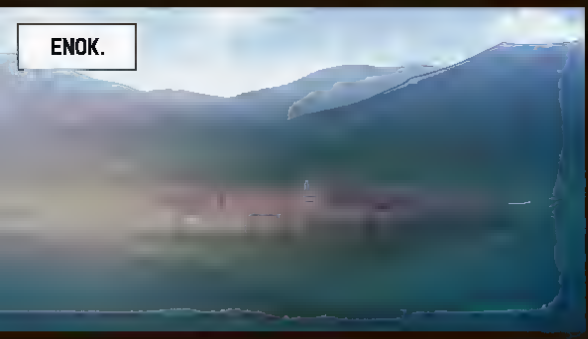

ASSEMBLE EVERYONE.
SLIDE

I'LL DEPART FOR THE CONFERENCE ROOM IMMEDIATELY.
EVERYONE...

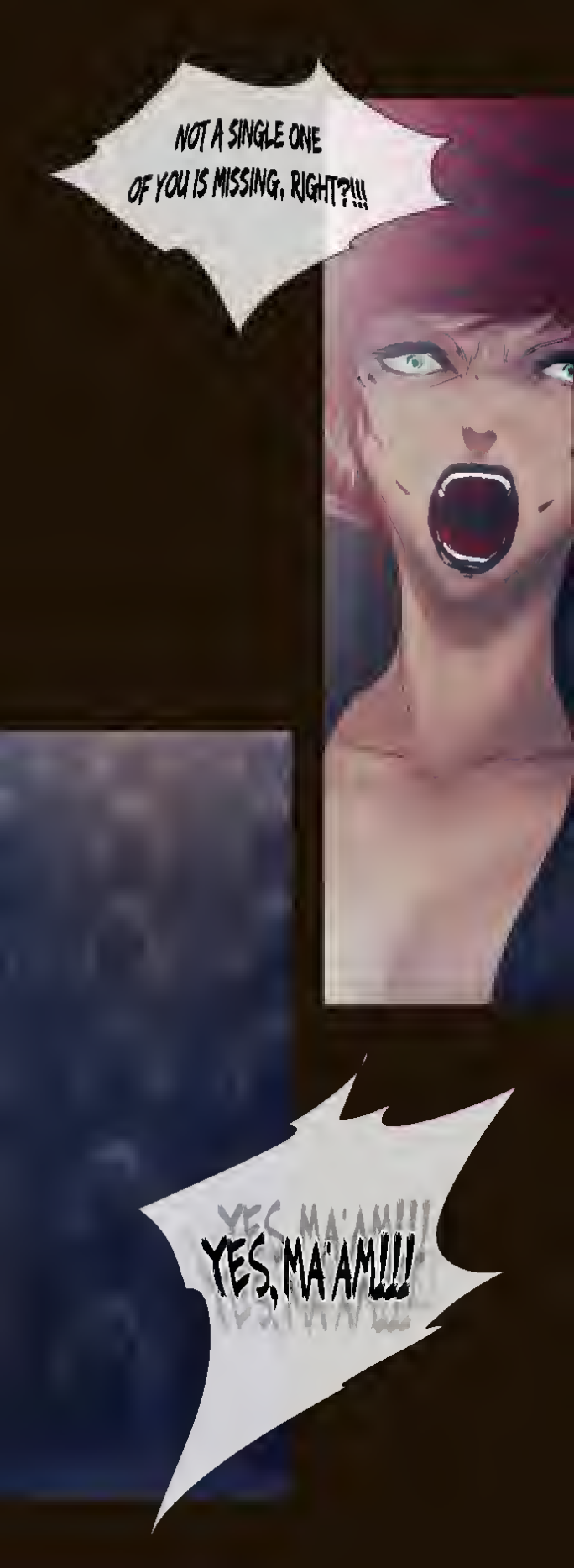
IS ALREADY AWAITING
EDERMASK-NIM'S PRESENCE
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.
.....
HU.

YOU HAVE BECOME QUITE DEPENDABLE.
CLICK
I HAVE MERELY BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND EDERMASK-NIM'S DISPOSITION, THAT IS ALL.
ONCE THE CONFERENCE ENDS, I'M PLANNING TO TAKE A WALK AROUND THE PROVINCE SO PREPARE THAT AS WELL.
I SHALL CIRCULATE A NOTICE TO THE LANDOWNERS.

ALRIGHT


ENOK.

STEP
STEP
STAND


NOT A SINGLE ONE
OF YOU IS MISSING, RIGHT?!!!
YES, MA'AM!!!

I BET ALL OF YOU ARE JUST ITCHING FOR SOME ACTION.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
KUKU.
HOWEVER, THE TIME IS NEAR. THE STAGE FOR US TO RAVAGE HAS BEEN SET.
WE ARE DEPARTING FOR PHILLIS TOMORROW.
QUELL YOUR THIRSTING BLOODLUST AND STRAINED TENSION FOR LAST DAY.

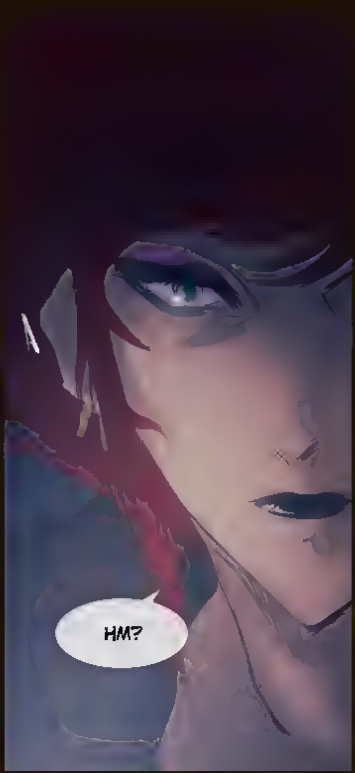
THE PLEASURE YOU WILL RECEIVE WILL BE HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN WHAT YOU HAVE ENDURED!!!

I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY...

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE GLEAM IN YOUR EYES TOMORROW...

DISMISSED!!!
EACH SQUAD IS TO MOVE TO THEIR ASSIGNED STATIONS.
WE WILL DISTRIBUTE DINNER AFTER ALL OF YOU HAVE SETTLED IN
AFTER YOUR MEALS, THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF OUR OPERATION.

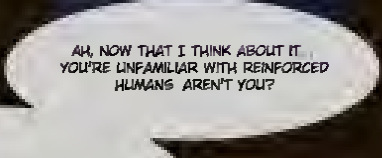
STEP
STEP

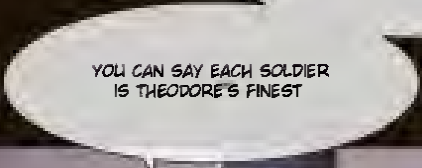

HM?

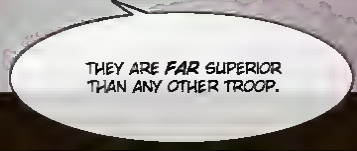
HEH.

PEEKING FROM THE RAMPARTS LIKE SOME THIEVING CAT?

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MY PRECIOUS CHILDREN?


AH, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'RE UNFAMILIAR WITH REINFORCED HUMANS AREN'T YOU?


YOU CAN SAY EACH SOLDIER IS THEODORE'S FINEST


THEY ARE FAR SUPERIOR THAN ANY OTHER TROOP.

YOU CAN CALL THEM REINFORCED SOLDIERS, BUT TO ME, THEY ARE SOLDIER A AND SOLDIER B.
IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO PRODUCE RESULTS THEY ARE AS GOOD AS TRASH

I DO NOT NEED SOLDIERS THAT ARE ALL TALK.
FLINCH
YOU LITTLE...
CLENCH
I SEE YOUR UNDERESTIMATING MY CHILDREN.

DO YOU THINK THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK-THROUGH A MERE CASTLE JUST BECAUSE EDERMASK IS PROTECTING IT?
A MIXED BUNCH OF RUFFIANS WOULD ONLY LAST A COUPLE SECONDS AGAINST THEM
AREN'T YOU THE ONE LOOKING DOWN ON EDERMASK?

HAHAHAHAHA, LOOKING DOWN ON HIM?!!!
AHAHAHA, THAT'S JUST HILARIOUS.
AH. THAT WAS PRICELESS.
AFTER SAYING SOMETHING LIKE *THAT*, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO LAUGH.

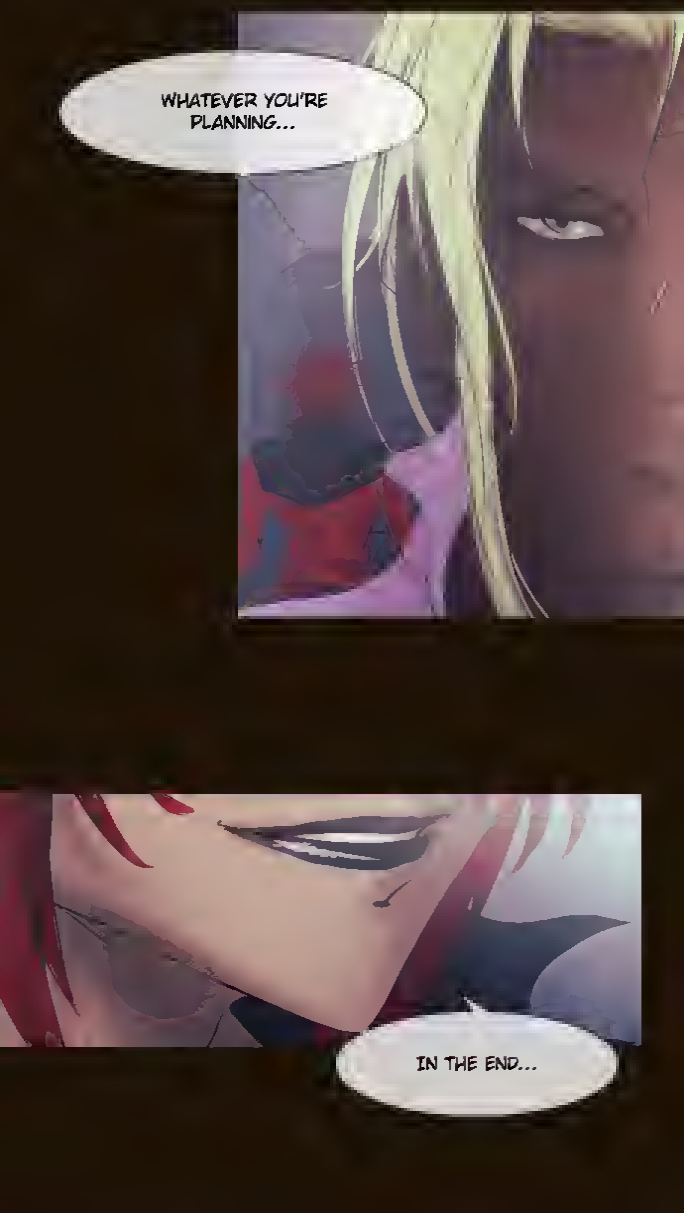
HE COULDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING TO JANUS AND RAN AWAY AFTER THROWING A TANTRUM.
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE AFRAID OF A GUY LIKE THAT? IT SEEMS YOUR SENSES HAVE DULLED SINCE YOU WERE IN PRISON
SERIOUSLY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY JANUS IS TRYING TO PUT A LEASH ON YOU.
.....

GREAT. THAT'S SOME SUPERB CONFIDENCE YOU GOT THERE.

I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT YOU
PAT

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO HOW YOU FARE, SO DON'T LET ME DOWN.
.....
I GET THE FEELING HE KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT EDERMASK THAT I DON'T...
HM...
THIS IS WHY I HATE MEN WHO ARE HARD TO READ

PISSES ME OFF.
BUT WELL. THAT DOESN'T MATTER.


WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING...
IN THE END...

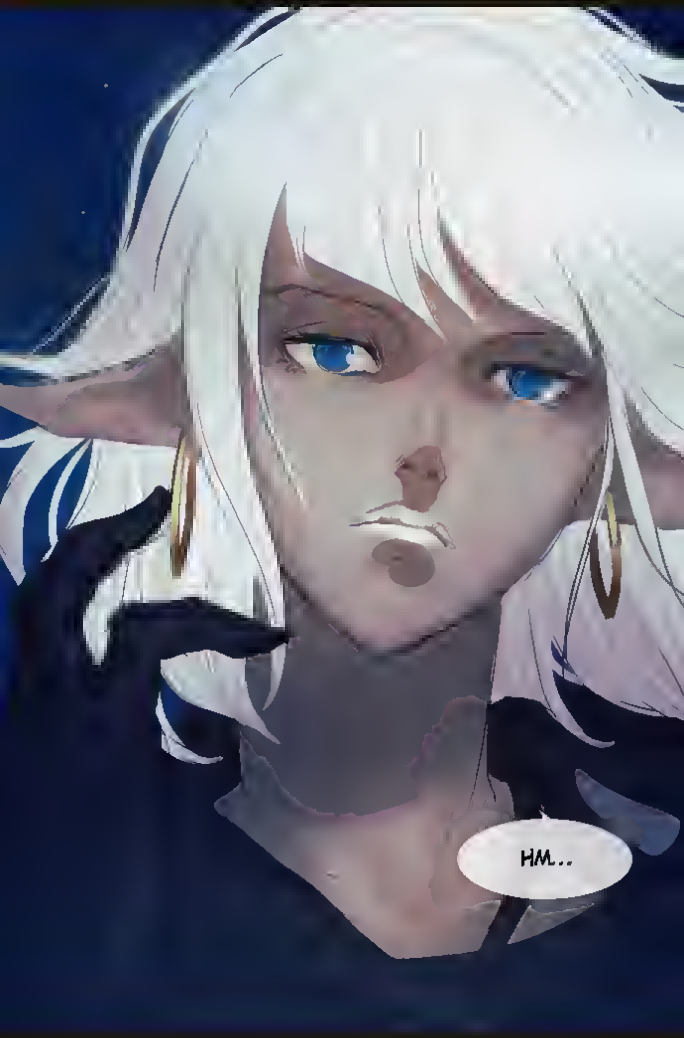
EVERYTHING WILL GO ACCORDING TO MY WISHES.
KUKUKU.
EDERMASK, EDAN. I'LL TAKE PLEASURE IN WATCHING YOU TWO GROVEL BENEATH MY FEET.

HAHAHAHA...
AHAHAH AHAHA!!!

SO? DO YOU THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER?
APPROACH
THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME. WE HAVE TO FINISH THIS BEFORE THE SUBJUGATION GROUP ARRIVES.
HM, WELL...

IT HAS BEEN ABOUT 12 YEARS SINCE I LAST CAME TO PHILLIS...
GRIN
I'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN AND CHECK THE SITUATION MYSELF IN ORDER TO KNOW FOR SURE

IS THAT SO?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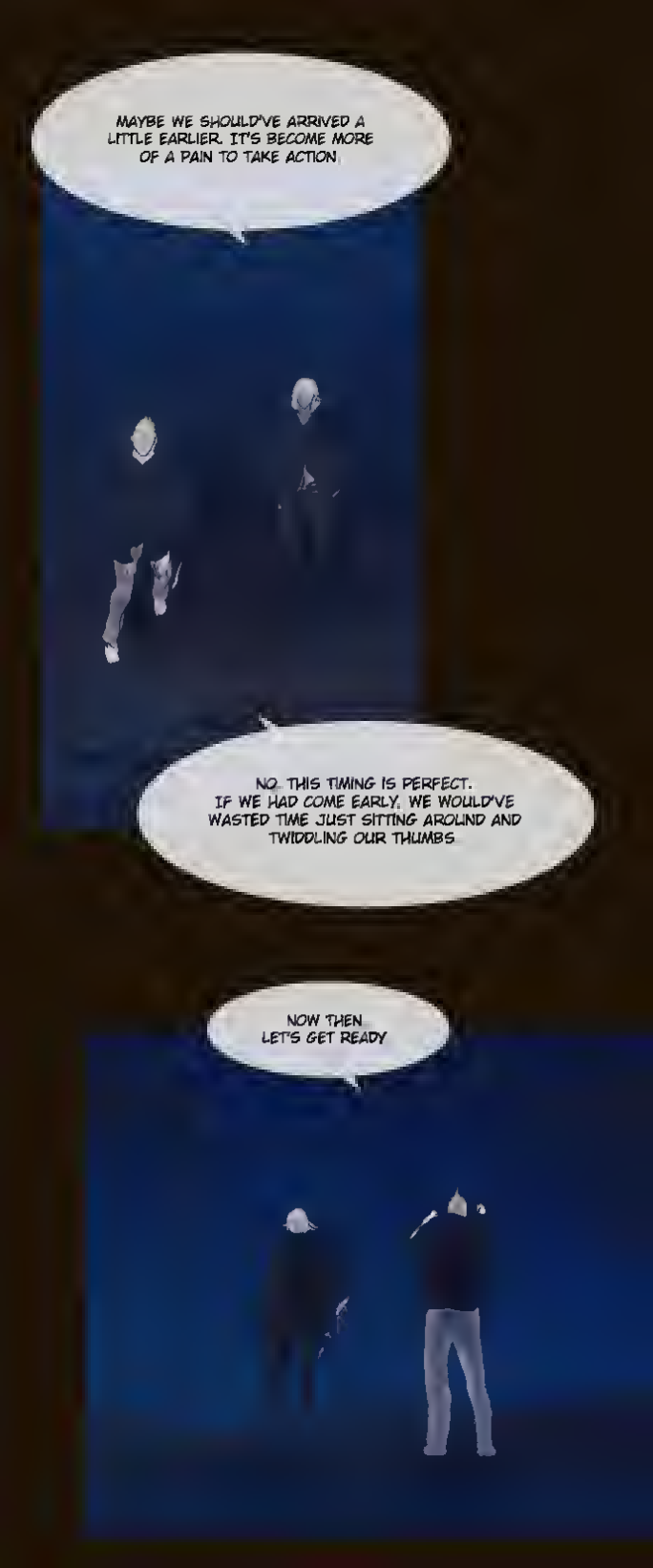
MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE ARRIVED A LITTLE EARLIER. IT'S BECOME MORE OF A PAIN TO TAKE ACTION.
NO. THIS TIMING IS PERFECT. IF WE HAD COME EARLY, WE WOULD'VE WASTED TIME JUST SITTING AROUND AND TWIDDLING OUR THUMBS.
NOW THEN. LET'S GET READY.

WE'RE HEADING DOWN IMMEDIATELY.
ALRIGHT.
AND DON'T FORGET TO MOVE *EXACTLY* AS WE PLANNED.

CLOSE
YOU ALREADY TOLD ME A MILLION TIMES ALREADY. I HAVE IT ALL REMEMBERED, SO
SHEESH.
CEASE YOUR POINTLESS WORRY...

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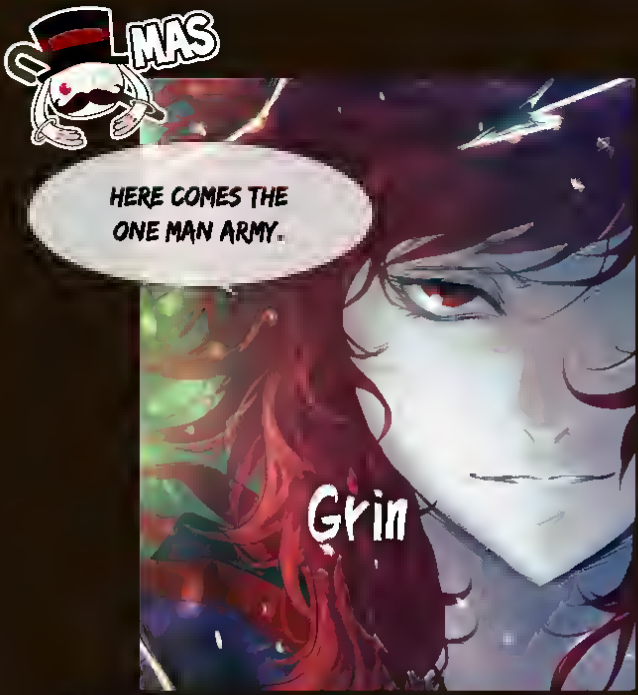

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YUERKA CHAPTER COMING TOMORROW. TO MAKE NOTE, I AM CURRENTLY THE ACTIVE TRANSLATOR FOR 5 SERIES, AND FULLY SCANLATE YUREKA AND MAGICIAN SOLO. I DO PLAN TO DO A LARGE DAILY RELEASE TOWARDS THE END OF SUMMER, BUT HAVE PATIENCE. I ALSO HAVE A LIFE.

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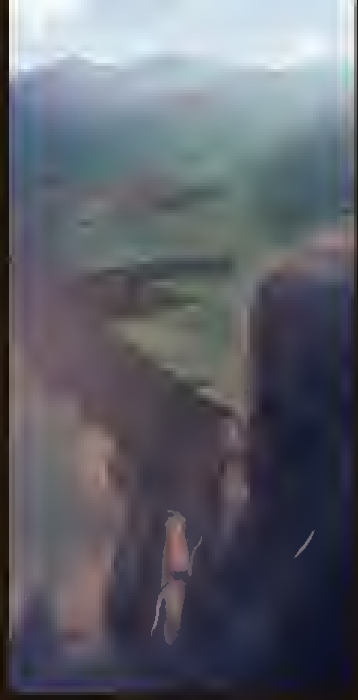

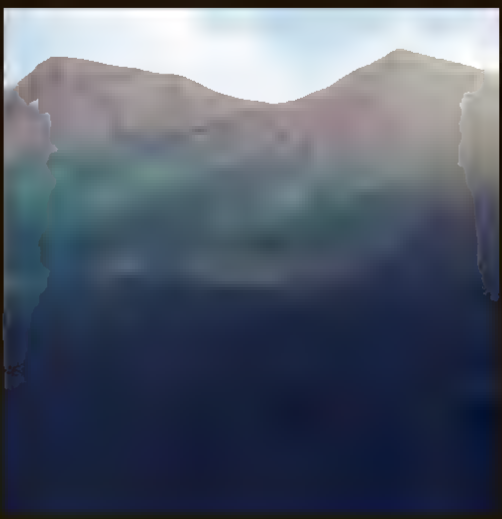

CLOP

IS THAT MAN SO UNTRUSTING THAT HE'D FOLLOW US OUT THIS FAR?
WHEN WILL HE PLACE KAL-AJUSSI AND ENZU IN COMMAND? CAN'T HE JUST LEAVE ALL THE DECISIONS TO THEM?
SERIOUSLY. THOUGH, I DOUBT THIS WILL MAKE A DENT IN OUR PLANS.
PERHAPS HE FEELS UNEASY LEAVING SOMEONE ELSE IN CHARGE.
IT *HAS* BEEN NEARLY A *DECADE* SINCE SIR KAL HAD RETIRED. AFTER ALL.

HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE MAY BE GIVING HIM A FEELING OF DOUBT OF OTHERS
I'M SURE IT'S SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF THAT.

CHE, STUPID OLD MAN...

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CLOP

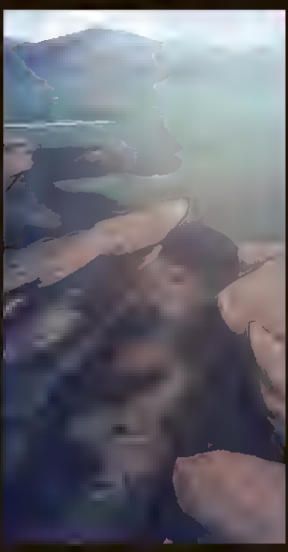
LOOKS LIKE THE SITUATION TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE.

TO THINK HE'D TAG ALONG WITH US...

THIS WON'T HINDER OUR PLANS, RIGHT?
NO, ACTUALLY, THIS COULD TURN OUT TO BE EVEN BETTER FOR US
ANYWAYS, HE HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON TO TAG ALONG.

IF HE HAD RETIRED A DECADE AGO, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE EVERYTHING UP TO SOME BODY LIKE HIM WILLINGLY.
CLOP
CLOP
THINK ABOUT IT IN HIS SHOES.
ALSO, THE DICE HAS ALREADY BEEN CAST.
DON'T THINK ABOUT THINGS TOO HARD. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING
I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS THESE



CHATTER
CHATTER

Gulp
Gulp

RIDING HORSES ALL DAY REALLY TIRES ME OUT.
HAHA. REALLY?
BUT IF YOU DARE SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEAR THE GIRLS ..
AH...
I DOUBT YOU'LL GET OFF EASY

HAHA, I'LL DEFINITELY HAVE TO KEEP QUIET IN FRONT OF IREMI
Just yesterday, she was complaining so much... Kuku

PHEW...
PLOP

MIND IF I TAKE A SIP?
AH, GO AHEAD.
HAHA, THANK YOU.

Gulp
Gulp
.....

AHH,
THAT'S REFRESHING

HAHAHA, SINCE I'M GROWING OLD, MARCHING LIKE THIS TAKES A LOT OUT OF ME
ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?

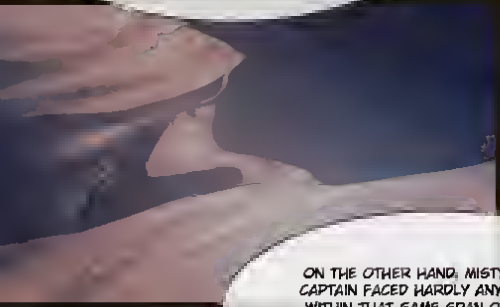
BY HOW I DECIDED TO TAG ALONG WITH YOU?
I FIGURED YOU MIGHT FEEL DISGRUNTLED, SO I'M ASKING YOU UP STRAIGHT.
AHHH...
SINCE I ALREADY LEFT YOU IN COMMAND, I'M SURE MY ACTIONS DON'T SEEM VERY APPEALING IN YOUR EYES
YOU'RE ALSO CONSIDERING THE EYES OF THOSE BEHIND YOU AS WELL, AM I WRONG?

NOT AT ALL. WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE.
HOH, IS THAT RIGHT?
I KNOW THERE IS A DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHURNING A PLAN OUT IN THE A MEETING AND CARRYING IT OUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
I'M SURE YOU ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE I HAVE LEFT THE ARMY AS WELL.

SO I UNDERSTAND THE DOUBT YOU CARRY ABOUT MY CAPABILITIES.
HOH...
HOWEVER, I DO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY...
SOMETHING?
?
YES.
I ALSO CARRY SOME DOUBT ON THE CAPABILITIES OF ANOTHER.

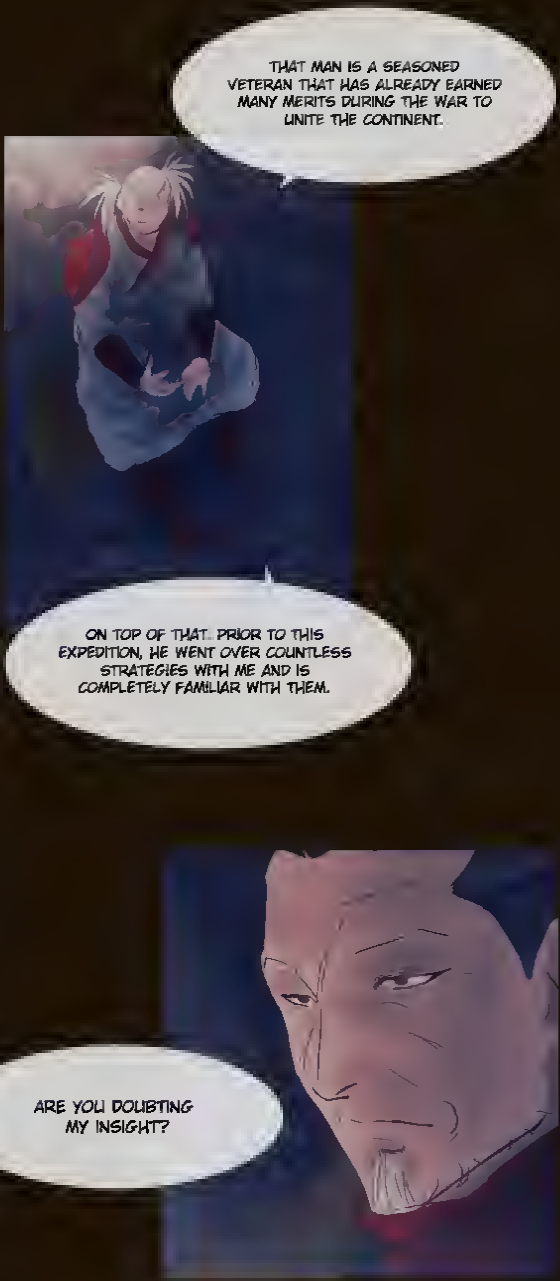
AS YOU KNOW, IT HAS BEEN NEARLY 4 YEARS SINCE THE WAR HAS COME TO AN END.
HM, SO?

THIS MAY BE JUST MY OWN SPECULATION. BUT WITHIN THAT SPAN OF TIME, ALTHOUGH I WASN'T PART OF THE ARMY, I CONSTANTLY HAD TO EXERT MY COMBAT SKILLS ON THE FIELD.



ON THE OTHER HAND, MISTY'S GUARD CAPTAIN FACED HARDLY ANY INCIDENTS WITHIN THAT SAME SPAN OF TIME. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CAPTAIN FACED 3 YEARS WITHOUT ANY CONFLICT.

THESE POINTS LEAVE ME SOME CONCERN, THAT IS ALL.


THAT MAN IS A SEASONED VETERAN THAT HAS ALREADY EARNED MANY MERITS DURING THE WAR TO UNITE THE CONTINENT.
ON TOP OF THAT.. PRIOR TO THIS EXPEDITION, HE WENT OVER COUNTLESS STRATEGIES WITH ME AND IS COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THEM.
ARE YOU DOUBTING MY INSIGHT?

HAHA, NOT AT ALL.

I AM MERELY...

...WORRIED ABOUT THE MAIN FORCE. THAT IS ALL.
GRIN

AH...

WE HAVE WASTED
TOO MUCH TIME

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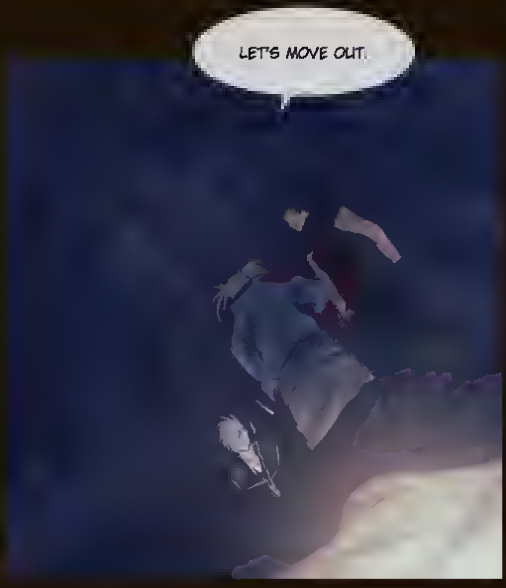
IN ORDER TO MATCH THE DESIGNATED TIME OF ARRIVAL, WE MUST HURRY.


LET'S MOVE OUT.

BREAK'S OVER!!!
WE'RE MOVING OUT!!!
ENOUGH! DILLY-DALLYING! MOVE OUT!!!
SOME BREAK THAT WAS.
CHE, I HARDLY HAD TIME TO REST...

HOP

SANTIVANNA

I'LL BE ABLE TO CONFIRM IT FOR MYSELF VERY SOON.
WHETHER YOUR ABILITY TO LEAD IN COMBAT IS AS EXCEPTIONAL AS YOUR ABILITY AS A STRATEGIST.
THE BATTLE AT THE KEEP...
...WILL BE YOUR FIRST TRIAL.

I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL

HAHA, SO YOU WILL.
SO YOU WILL.
CLOP
CLOP
YOU'LL HAVE TO, IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE MY SUPERVISION.
I'LL TAKE ANY OPINIONS ON HOW WE'LL TAKE THE CASTLES.
.....

SEEING AS WE ALL HAVE VASTLY DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS...
DO NOT HOLD BACK AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEAK YOUR MIND
THEN ALLOW ME TO START
IN MY OPINION, RATHER THAN ATTACKING AND TAKING EACH CASTLE ONE AT A TIME...
SPLITTING OUR FORCES INTO THREE AND TAKING THEM ALL AT ONCE SEEMS TO BE MORE IDEAL
Clack

SPLITTING OUR FORCES INTO THREE WOULD MEAN OUR ATTACK POWER WILL BE SPLIT INTO THIRDS...

HOW WOULD THAT BE BENEFICIAL TO US?

I THINK. . IF WE TOOK THE LARGEST CASTLE WHICH LIES IN THE NORTH, THEN MOVE ON TO TAKE THE CASTLES BELOW IT...

OUR FORCES WOULDN'T SUFFER MUCH DAMAGE AND IT WILL BE EASIER ON THE TROOPS .. AM I WRONG?

HOWEVER, IF YOU LOOK AT IT FROM THE OPPOSING POINT OF VIEW, THIS WOULD MEAN GIVING THE OTHER SIDE MORE TIME TO PREPARE.

IF THE OTHER SIDE CHOOSES TO GATHER THEIR FORCES IN THE FINAL REMAINING CASTLE, THE TIME SPENT WILL BE MUCH LONGER THAN PLANNED.

IN SUCH A SITUATION, IF WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE THE THREE KEEPS IN TIME...

WE WILL BE SURROUNDED BY THE TIME REINFORCEMENTS FROM ENOK ARRIVE.

NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE FORCE MAY BE, AN EXTRA FORCE COULD BE THE TIPPING POINT TO THIS WAR.

SLIDE

ON TOP OF THAT, TAKE A LOOK AT AHNT CASTLE. SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY BUILDINGS AROUND IT, SMALLER TROOPS WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT MUCH MORE EASILY.

IF YOU LOOK FURTHER AHEAD, A SMALLER SET OF TROOPS MAY PROVE TO BE QUITE AN ADVANTAGE

THEY MAY JUST BE THE OUR SAVING GRACE.

HOWEVER, I FORESEE A SIMILAR PROBLEM IF WE DECIDE TO SPLIT THE FORCES.

OBSERVE.

IF WE ARE TO TAKE THE NORTHERN MOST KEEP, WE HAVE NO CHOICE TO SPLIT OFF MAJORITY OF OUR FORCES IN ORDER TO TAKE A CASTLE OF ITS SIZE.

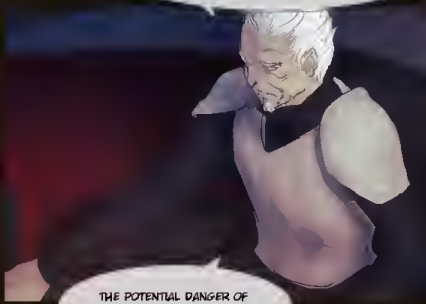
AS A RESULT, OUR REMAINING FORCES MUST SPLIT INTO AN EVEN SMALLER GROUP OF TWO IN ORDER TO ATTACK THE REMAINING TWO KEEPS.

ALTHOUGH THE REMAINING KEEPS ARE SMALLER, THEY ARE BASICALLY FORTRESSES. IN THIS SITUATION, THE GROUPS WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE CASTLES.

IN SUMMARY, PUTTING ASIDE THE NORTHERN MOST CASTLE, I DOUBT TAKING THE OTHER TWO KEEPS WILL BE A SIMPLE FEAT.

WORST CASE SCENARIO, WE FAIL TO TAKE ALL THREE CASTLES AND WE LOSE MUCH SOLDIERS.

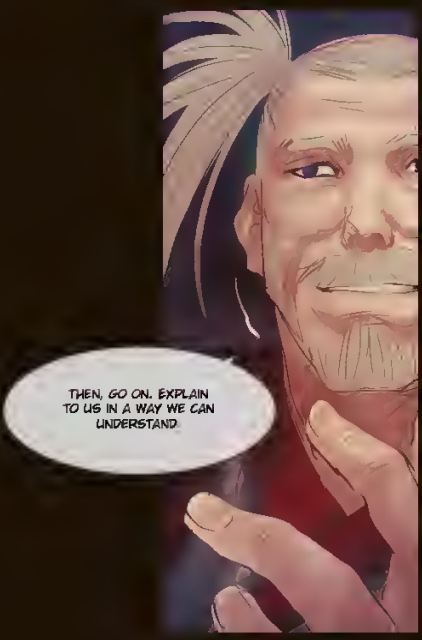
IF SUCH A CASE WERE TO OCCUR, WE'LL BE PLACED IN A DESOLATE SITUATION, EVEN BEFORE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE.



THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF THIS PLAN IS TOO MUCH.

IF WE MESS UP...
EACH GROUP MAY BE ISOLATED FROM EACH OTHER AND FALL TO THE ENEMY

MY PLAN HASN'T BEEN PULLED OUT OF THIN AIR, SIR. I HAVE CAREFULLY SELECTED THIS PLAN FROM SEVERAL SITUATIONS AND THOUGHT EVERYTHING THROUGH.
HM, IS THAT SO?

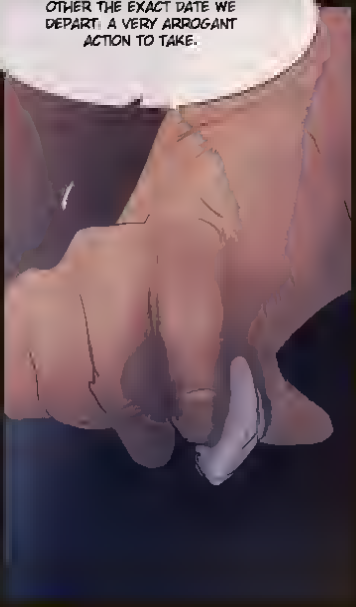

THEN, GO ON. EXPLAIN TO US IN A WAY WE CAN UNDERSTAND.

TO BEGIN WITH, I CHOSE THIS PLAN AFTER LOOKING OVER A UNIQUE FACET OF THIS WAR.
UNIQUE FACET?
YES.
WE MUST TAKE UTMOST CONSIDERATION WHEN LOOKING OVER THIS FACET OF WAR.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, NEWS OF THIS SUBJUGATION HAS BEEN SPREAD THROUGHOUT THIS CONTINENT MONTHS BEFORE THE ACTUAL EVENT.

THIS WAS TO GIVE BOTH SIDES AMPLE TIME TO PREPARE

ALSO, OUR SIDE GAVE THE OTHER THE EXACT DATE WE DEPART. A VERY ARROGANT ACTION TO TAKE.



SEEING AS EDERMASK ISN'T AN IDIOT I AM SURE HE IS AWARE OF THE COMPOSITION OF OUR FORCES
HE IS SURE TO SEEK THE MOST EFFECTIVE COURSE OF ACTION AFTER WEIGHING THE FORCES ON BOTH SIDES
THE NUMBER OF FORCES BETWEEN US AND THEM IS INCOMPARABLE.
OUR FORCES OVERWHELM PHILLIS' SIZE. THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO COMPARE TO OUR FORCES.
SEEING AS THAT'S THE CASE, PHILLIS WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STATION MAJORITY OF THEIR FORCES IN AHNT CASTLE...
WHICH MEANS THE CHANCE OF THEM EXPECTING A THREE-PRONGED ATTACK IS LOW.
IF WE ARE TO SPLIT OUR FORCES INTO THREE, WE WILL STILL HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH POWER TO TAKE THE KEEPS.

HOWEVER, IN SIEGES, THE DEFENDING SIDE ALWAYS HOLDS THE ADVANTAGE.
EVEN IF THE DEFENDING SIDE MAY BE FEW, THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID A LOT OF BLOODSHED ON OUR SIDE.
THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO TAKE A CASTLE WILL BE PROPORTIONAL TO THE AMOUNT OF FORCES SPLIT.
ON TOP OF THAT, IF AHNT CASTLE WERE TO CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS...
AH...

THAT'S CORRECT.
ENOK'S MAIN FORCES.
CLATTER

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THEM.

RIGHT. WE LEFT ONE DAY APART FROM EACH OTHER.

WITH A DAY'S DIFFERENCE, THE FORCES WILL BE ALERTED BEFORE PHILLIS' REQUEST FOR REINFORCEMENTS GO THROUGH

YES..., WITH THIS, THEY WILL BE PLACED IN A SITUATION THEY CANNOT ESCAPE FROM.

IF WE WERE TO GATHER OUR FORCES AND STRIKE THEIR CENTRAL FORCE...
I AM SURE THEY PLANNED TO CATCH US OFF GUARD AND ATTACK US FROM THE REAR.
HOWEVER, IF WE WERE TO SPLIT OUR FORCES AND MOVE INDEPENDENTLY—
ANY CHANCE OF THEM OPERATING BEHIND OUR BACKS DWINDLES

I AM SURE THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR GOAL TO TAKE THE THREE KEEPS, BUT...

AH...

WITH THIS, THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO DISTRIBUTE MORE FORCES TO EACH CASTLE

ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WILL BE NIGH IMPOSSIBLE.

THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CAST ASIDE SOMETHING AS VALUABLE AS A CASTLE SO EASILY- THIS IS BECAUSE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOWNSIDE IN TRYING TO KEEP A CASTLE IN CASE.

THE FACT THAT ENOK'S MAIN FORCES DEPARTED A DAY LATER THAN US WILL PROVE TO BE A HUGE ADVANTAGE

WE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTACK AHNT CASTLE WITH NO WORRIES, AND AFTER WE SEAL OFF THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SURROUND THEM FROM BOTH SIDES.

WE ARE CREATING A SITUATION WHERE THE ENEMY ONLY HAS ONE PATH TO TAKE.

SINCE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN NUMBERS, I AM SURE THEY WILL DEPLOY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF TROOPS REQUIRED TO DEFEND EACH KEEP

I'M ALSO SURE WE'LL HAVE SOME CASUALTIES AMONG US. BUT IF WE CONSIDER TIME, POSITION, CHANCE TO ATTACK, AND PREVENTING LOSSES, I BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE.
ALSO, ON OUR SIDE...
WE HAVE THE SIEGE VETERAN MERCENARY KING

I'M SURE ALL OF YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE THE LEGENDS THAT SURROUND HIM.

TAKING A SMALL KEEP WON'T BE TOO DIFFICULT WITH THE MERCENARY KING'S ABILITIES.

WITH SUCH PEOPLE ON OUR SIDES, WE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE THE KEEPS MUCH SIMPLER THAN YOU IMAGINE.

SO, YOUR THOUGHTS?

HM...
NOT BAD. AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR EXPLANATION, THE PLAN SEEMS PRETTY SOLID.
IT MAKES OUR PLAN SEEM LACKING IN COMPARISON.
THEN WHO WILL LEAD THE TROOPS? ANY IDEAS?
WELL, IF I WERE TO CHOOSE.

THE NORTHERN MOST KEEP WILL BE TAKEN BY MISTY'S GUARD CAPTAIN.

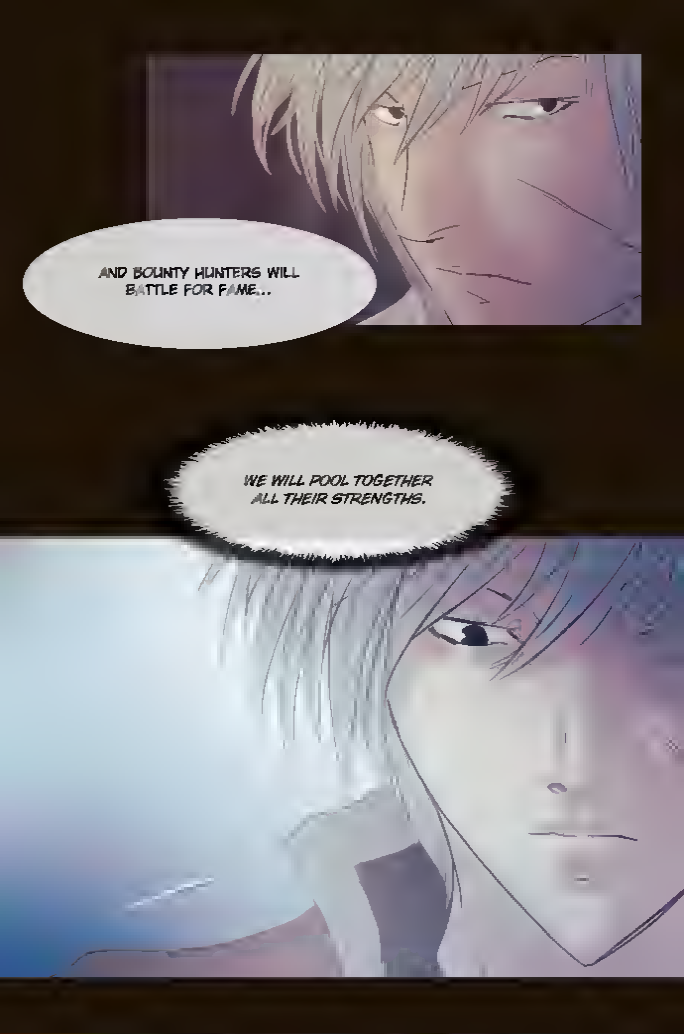
THE MIDDLE KEEP WILL HAVE LOW NUMBERS, BUT THE VETERAN MERCENARY KING SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE IT.

AND LASTLY, THE SOUTHERN KEEP...
...WILL BE LEFT TO BREAKERS AND I.
HOH...

HMM, BRIMMING WITH CONFIDENCE, I SEE
SO YOU'RE SETTING UP A COMPETITION?
I MERELY BELIEVE SMALLER GROUPS WORK BETTER WHEN SURROUNDED BY FAMILIAR FACES
AND ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T MY ORGINAL INTENTION...

BY SETTING UP A COMPETITION, THE TROOPS MAY BE MORE MOTIVATED TO TAKE THE KEEPS.
I BEST PREPARE A REWARD.
COMPETITION SHOULD BE A BIG BOLSTER TO US IN UNIFYING THE FACTIONS.
IF YOU ADD IN A REWARD ON TOP OF THAT, I'M SURE THE EFFECTS WILL BE EVEN GREATER.

THE SOLDIERS WILL POUR IN THEIR ALL IN ORDER TO FULFILL THEIR DUTY TO THEIR COUNTRY...
WHILE MERCENARIES FIGHT WITH THEIR PRIDE AT STAKE...


AND BOUNTY HUNTERS WILL BATTLE FOR FAME...
WE WILL POOL TOGETHER ALL THEIR STRENGTHS.

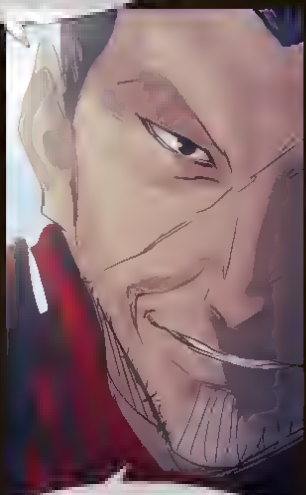
YOU GETTING NERVOUS?
CLOP
AH...
CLOP
NO. JUST LOST IN THE MIDDLE OF THOUGHT.

YOU SAID EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE AS LONG AS WE STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF RANG...
BUT WHAT IF *HE* IS ONE STEP AHEAD OF *US*?

HAHAHAHAHAHA.
.....
CLOP
CLOP
YOU WERE WORRIED OVER SOMETHING LIKE *THAT*?

DON'T WORRY, *HIS* SIDE IS SURE TO SLIP UP FIRST.

ONCE WE FINISH OUR JOBS...

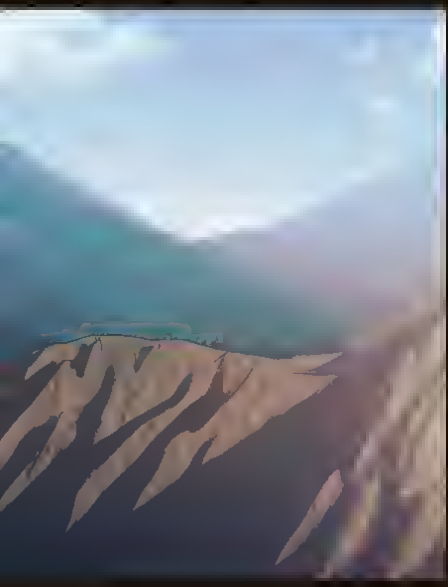


ALL WE NEED TO DO IS WAIT.

I HAVE REASONS ON WHY I PUSHED MY PLAN THROUGH...
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT TOO SURE WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE MERCENARY KING...
BUT THAT GUARD CAPTAIN WILL *DEFINITELY* SLIP UP

THERE'S NOTHING WE LEFT OUT, BUT I'M DAMN SURE HIS HEAD IS CURRENTLY FULL OF THOUGHT.
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, SINCE RANG DECIDED TO TAG ALONG WITH US I'M SURE THE PRESSURE ON HIM MULTIPLIED BY A HUNDRED FOLD.
AH...
CLOP
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT WAS BETTER THAT HE CAME ALONG WITH US EARLIER.
CLOP

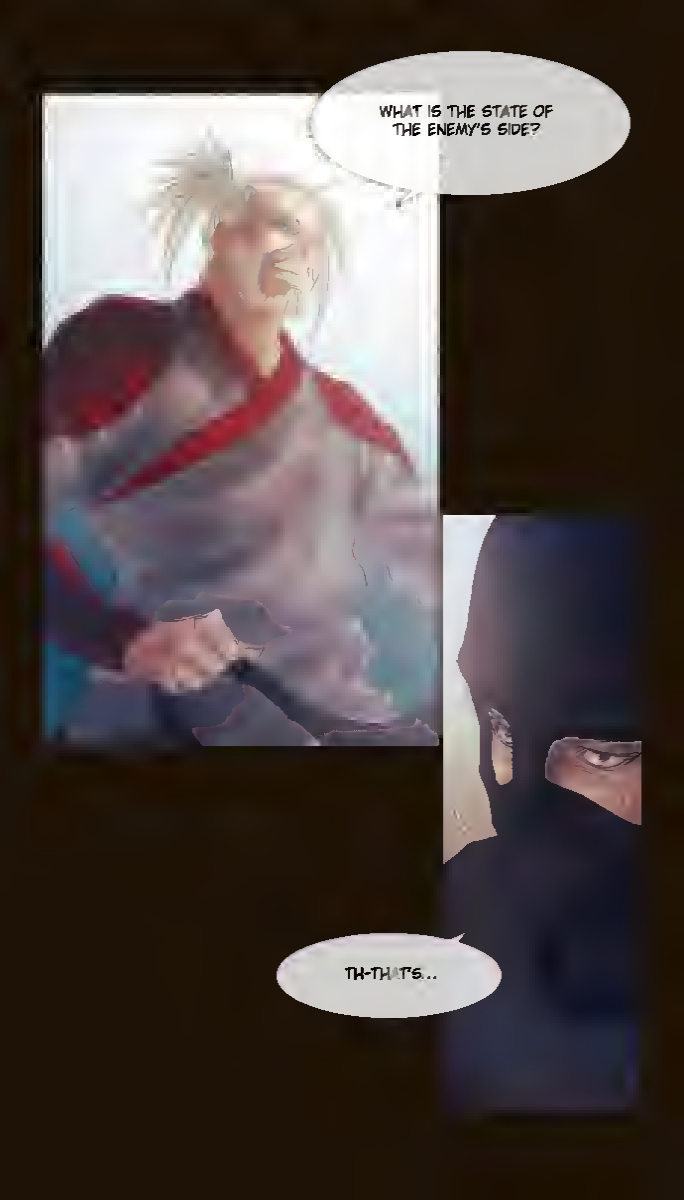
WITH HIS ONE SLIP UP AND MY SUCCESS I'M SURE RANG WILL COME TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY ABILITIES.
MY POSITION WILL RISE... AND THE MORE HE TRUSTS ME THE MORE FREEDOM WE'LL HAVE...
You sure thought this through.
HEH. I SHOULD AT *LEAST* THINK THIS FAR AHEAD...
IF I'M TO THROW RANG OFF OUR TRAIL.
SO BASICALLY, WE'LL HAVE MORE FREEDOM TO MOVE ABOUT ON OUR OWN?
EXACTLY.



CLIPPITY
CLOPPITY
IT SEEMS THE SCOUTS HAVE ARRIVED
HM, THEY TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED

WOAH
WOAH.

CROUCH
REPORT.


WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE ENEMY'S SIDE?
TH-THAT'S...

STOP STUTTERING. WE'RE THERE MORE SOLDIERS THAN EXPECTED?
N-NO SIR.
THEN?
QUITE THE OPPOSITE...

ALMOST AS IF THERE WERE NOBODY WITHIN THE KEEP. THE PLACE WAS MUCH TOO SILENT.
FLINCH
WHAT?
IT BAFFLES EVEN US, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM THE SCENE.

WE GREW SUSPICIOUS AND SNUCK CLOSER TO THE KEEP B...
THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS WERE THE SAME. IT WAS LIKE AN ABANDONED CITY.
MUCH TOO QUIET... AND WITHOUT A TRACE OF LIFE IN SIGHT.

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NEXT MAGICIAN CHAPTER COMING TOMORROW. CHAPTER MAY BE RELEASED LATER IN THE DAY SINCE I HAVE STUFF TO DO IN THE MORNING.

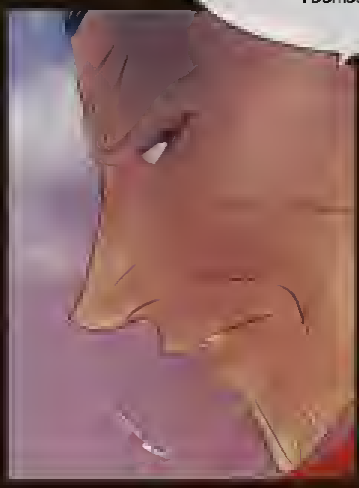
HOLY DAMN, THOSE STRATEGY MEETINGS ARE SUCH A HASSLE TO TRANSLATE. TOO MUCH TALK AND MILITARY JARGON. WHAT A PAIN.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER ON THE SITE!

JUST HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO IDLE HERE?
STEP
STEP
THE SOLDIERS AND MERCENARIES PROBABLY BEGAN THEIR ASSAULT ALREADY. WE'RE BEHIND.
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING, NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT. AT LEAST SET UP A BASE CAMP IN ORDER TO GATHER INFORMATION AND REST.

BY THE WAY, IT ISN'T *TOO* UNREASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT EDERMASK CAST ASIDE THE KEEP.
I'M SURE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A HUGE BURDEN TO SEND PRECIOUS MANPOWER TO THIS LOCATION
SEEING AS THE CITY IS COMPLETELY EMPTY, IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT HE JUDGED THE CURRENT SITUATION TO BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED
ASSUMING THIS IS THE CASE, EDERMASK'S FORCES MUST BE EVEN SMALLER THAN WE FORECASTED...

I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE DUE TO THIS WAR BEING TOO ONE-SIDED...
WELL, NOW THAT IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS LET'S SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO THE OTHER TWO KEEPS AND STAY ALERT ON THE SITUATION AT HAND
SO YOU BELIEVE THEY RETREATED...
RISE


DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO LAX SINCE WE HOLD AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN THIS WAR?

THIS WAR CARRIES *LIVES* ON THE LINE. I AM NEITHER BEING COWARDLY NOR AM I BEING WEAK
.....

I AM MERELY BEING CAUTIOUS.
ALSO...

PLEASE CAST ASIDE THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE ARE SIMILAR TO REINFORCED SOLDIERS

ALTHOUGH WE ARE INDEED STRONG, WE ARE STILL NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS.

IF YOU VIEW US AS REINFORCED SOLDIERS, WHO CONQUERED THIS COUNTRY ALONGSIDE YOU, YOU ARE MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE.

HMM...
YES. I SUPPOSE THE COMMANDER HERE IS YOU.

ALRIGHT. I'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING UP TO YOU FOR THE TIME BEING.

BUT IT WOULD BE NICE OF YOU TO HURRY
JUST AS YOU SAID...

SINCE THE RECRUITS HERE AREN'T REINFORCED SOLDIERS...
THEY ARE GROWING WARY OF WAITING AROUND FOR BATTLE AND THEIR PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN.
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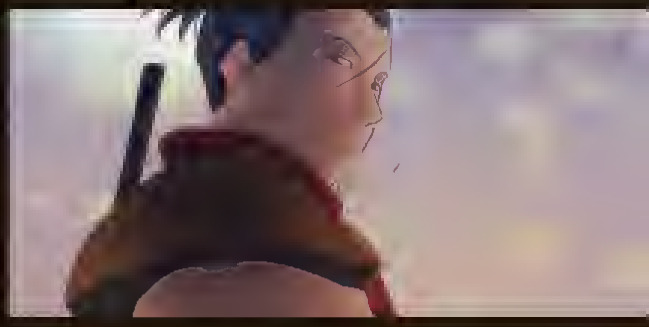
STEP
STEP



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I WANT YOU TO INSPECT THE KEEP ALONG WITH TWO HUNDRED SOLDIERS
ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE NO SIGNS OF LIFE DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN AND STAY ALERT
STATION GUARDS AS IF WE'RE OCCUPYING THE CASTLE AND CAUTIOUSLY INSPECT THE INWARD PORTIONS
YES SIR.
STANDBY IN THE CASTLE INSTEAD OF BURNING IT DOWN IN CASE OF AN AMBUSH
ALSO, HEBI...
JUST SAY THE WORD.

TAKE A HUNDRED MEN AND INSPECT THE VALLEY AND FORESTS SURROUNDING THIS KEEP.
CHECK ALL SUSPICIOUS POINTS IN CASE OF AN AMBUSH. I WANT YOU TO CHECK EVERY LITTLE CORNER.
AS YOU WISH.
LASTLY, BARARA, TAKE TEN MEN TO THE ROADSIDE...
AND SIGNAL US IF YOU SEE ANY SIGNS OF THE ENEMY APPROACHING.
HUH?

SO I'M THE ONLY ONE SENT TO THE OUTSKIRTS?
AND THE REST OF YOU...
I SWALLOWED DOWN THE PAIN AND TOOK THE EFFORT TO COME THIS WAY...
HMPH!
BUT TO THINK I'M BEING USED AS A MERE SCOUT...

DON'T YOU THINK MY ORDERS ARE A LITTLE TOO BORING?
WELL IF BREAKERS WERE TO COME ALONG WITH ME...
THINGS WOULD BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT...

HMM...
LOOKING UP CLOSE, YOU'RE MUCH CUTER THAN I THOUGHT.
BARARA. WHAT MANNER OF DISRESPECT IS THIS?
IF YOU CAME HERE TO ACT AS YOU PLEASE—

GLARE
I HAVE NO MORE USE FOR YOU
I'M JUST JOKING AROUND. DON'T GET ALL SCRUNCHED UP...
I JUST NEED TO GO QUIETLY, RIGHT?

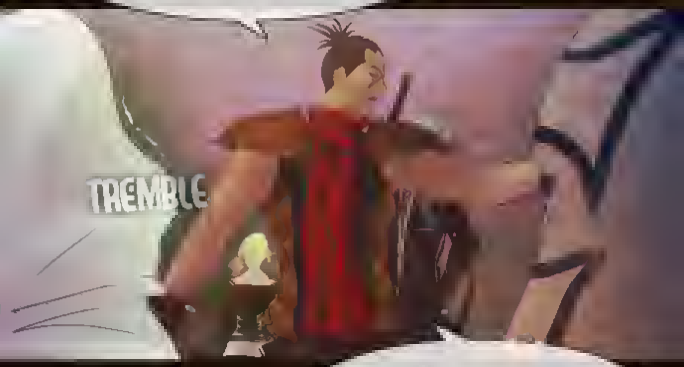
THE ONE IN QUESTION REMAINS PERFECTLY STILL, YET YOU COMPLAIN THIS MUCH?
.....
IF YOU'RE THIS HARD-HEADED EVERYBODY WILL GROW TIRED AND LEAVE YOU.
ANYWAYS, I'M GOING TO PERSONALLY CHOOSE TEN MEN THEN LEAVE. ALRIGHT?
CHE.
NOW THAT IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS I'LL PICK OUT SOME HANDSOME FELLOWS AND GO ON MY MERRY WAY.

YOU, AND YOU... AND YES, THE ONE BEHIND THAT ONE, YES YOU..
DON'T BOTHER WITH HER SHE'S THAT TYPE OF PERSON..
OH, YOU LOOK PRETTY SMOOTH YOURSELF
HAHA...

AH, WE'RE A LITTLE LATE THANKS TO BARARA.

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU...

FOLLOW ALONG THIS PATH AND HEAD TO THE FOREST. THERE, I WANT YOU ALL TO HIDE YOUR PRESENCE AND STANDBY FOR ORDERS



ALSO, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY INTERFERENCE WITH OUR PLANS...

THAT...
DIRTY, FRIVOLOUS, MANNERLESS WHORE...
HAHA
CLENCH
HOW DARE SHE GO NEAR SIR ENZU.

WELL, SHE SURE IS A SHAMELESS WOMAN.
PIERRE, KEEP AN EYE ON THAT WOMAN FROM NOW ON.
HUH?
WE MUST PROTECT THE PURITY OF SIR ENZU...
AH...
FROM THAT ACCURSED WOMAN.

AHAHAHA...
UNDERSTAND, PIERRE?
HUH.
OH MOLLY...
EVEN IF ENZU IS POPULAR, WHY WOMAN LIKE THAT FLOCK TO HIM IS A MYSTERY...
SNAP
ENZU SURE HAS HIS SHARE OF PROBLEM, DOESN'T HE?

.....

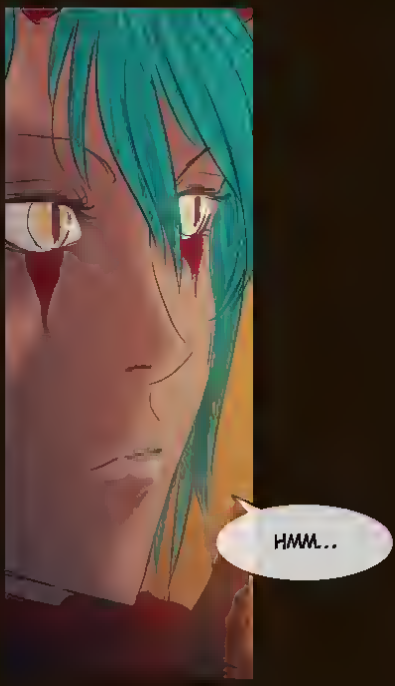
IREMI?
AH...

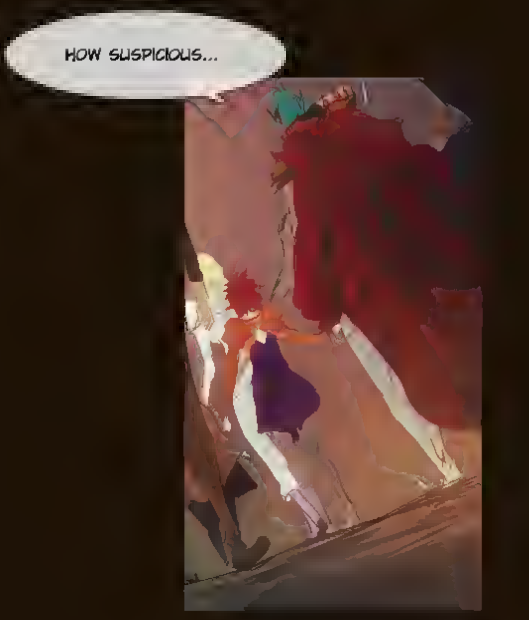
WHAT'S WRONG?
AHH!
N-NO, IT'S JUST THAT...

I'M SURE SOME OF YOU ARE A LITTLE DISGRUNTLED. SEEING AS THIS OPERATION IS PRETTY MODEST. HOWEVER...
HAHA...
?
THIS OPERATION PLACES YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE. WE ARE AT WAR, NOT OFF TO CAPTURE SOME BANDITS
I WISH TO FINISH THIS SUBJUGATION WITH MINIMAL LOSSES
SINCE THIS IS OUR FIRST OPERATION, I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WILL FOLLOW MY ORDERS CAREFULLY.

AS LONG AS YOU ALL UNDERSTAND, MOVE ACCORDING TO PLAN...
AH...
THE AMBUSH SQUAD SHOULD FOLLOW UNDER BREAKERS' ORDERS.
WELL THEN, L-LET'S BE OFF AS WELL.
TAP
WE SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY FOLLOWING ORDERS.

UH...
STOP DILLY-DALLYING AND LET'S GO UNNI


HMM..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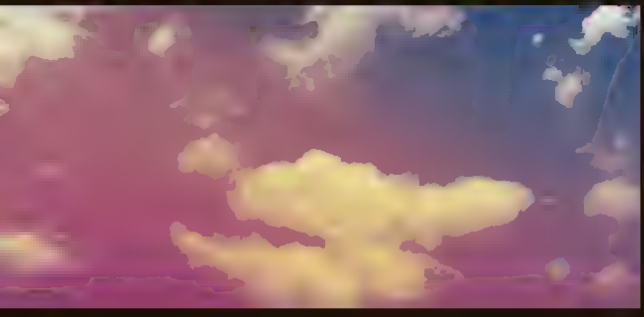
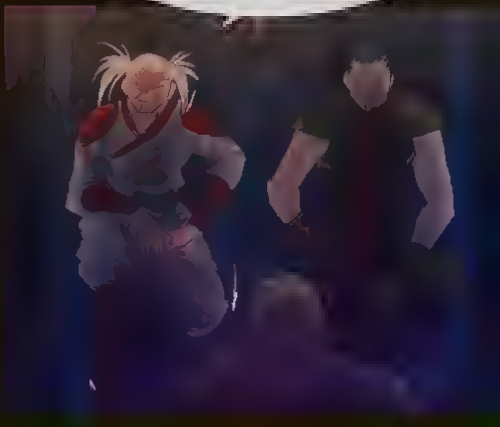
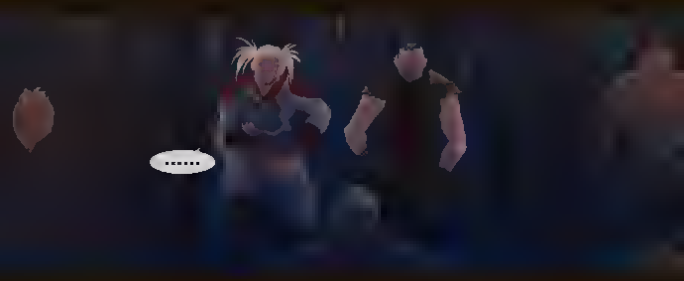


DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE PLACING EXCESSIVE CAUTION IN THIS OPERATION?



AT THIS RATE, THE MEN WILL TIRE OUT BEFORE THEY EVEN GET A CHANCE TO FIGHT.
EVEN IF REINFORCEMENTS SHOW UP, THEY WILL ONLY CONSIST OF A HANDFUL OF MEN. WHY ARE YOU GOING THIS FAR?
IF REINFORCEMENTS ARE COMING, THEY WILL ARRIVE BEFORE NIGHT. BEING IDLE IS EXACTLY WHAT THE ENEMY WANTS.
EVEN IF NO REINFORCEMENTS SHOW UP, I AM PLANNING TO PLACE THIS MUCH CAUTIOUSNESS WITH EVERY BATTLEFIELD WE COME ACROSS

HAHA, SO THE SECRET TO YOUR IMPRESSIVE RECORD LIED ENTIRELY ON YOUR DISCRETION.
ALWAYS ALERT AND FLEXIBLE TO ADJUST TO ANY SITUATION...
HOW ENTERTAINING. YOU'RE PRACTICALLY MY COMPLETE OPPOSITE.
ALRIGHT, WHAT DO YOU REQUIRE ME TO DO?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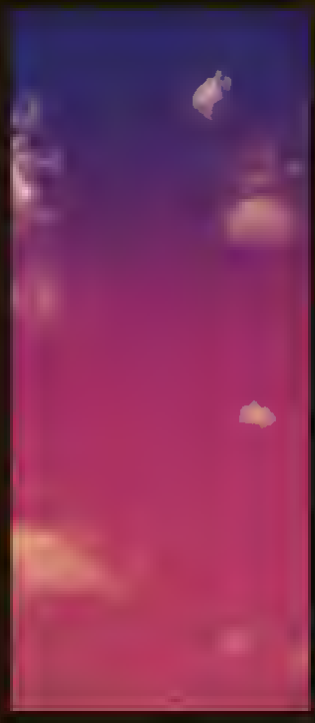
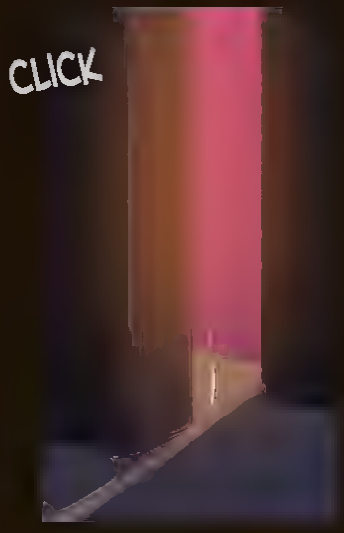
HEH...

IT SEEMS I HAVE MEDDLED TOO MUCH.
I'LL JUST SILENTLY OBSERVE BESIDE YOU.
THE RESULTS TO THIS OPERATION, THAT IS.



AFTER SEEING IT FOR MYSELF. THIS PLACE REALLY DOES GIVE YOU THE SHIVERS.
HMM...
ALL THIS SILENCE.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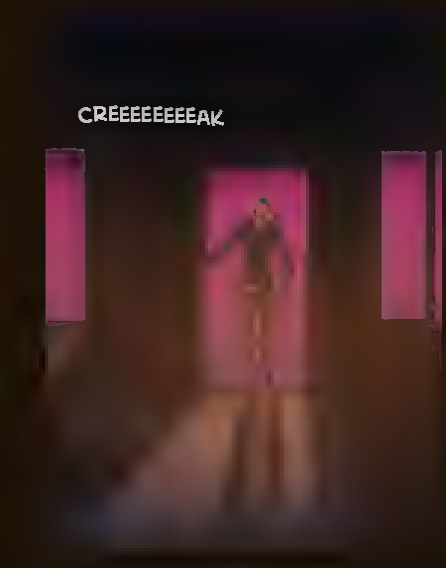
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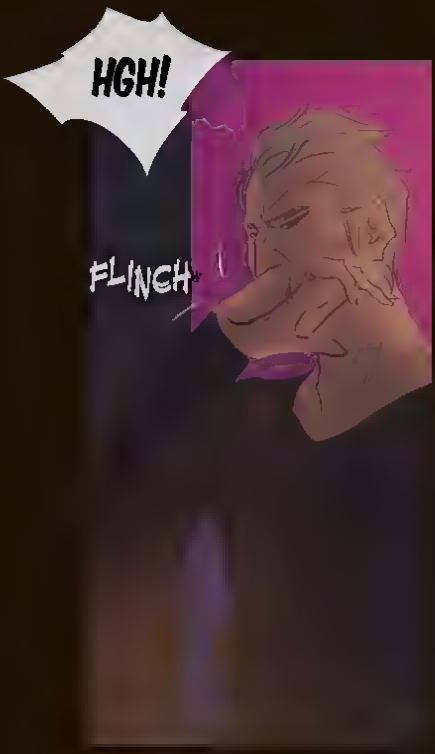
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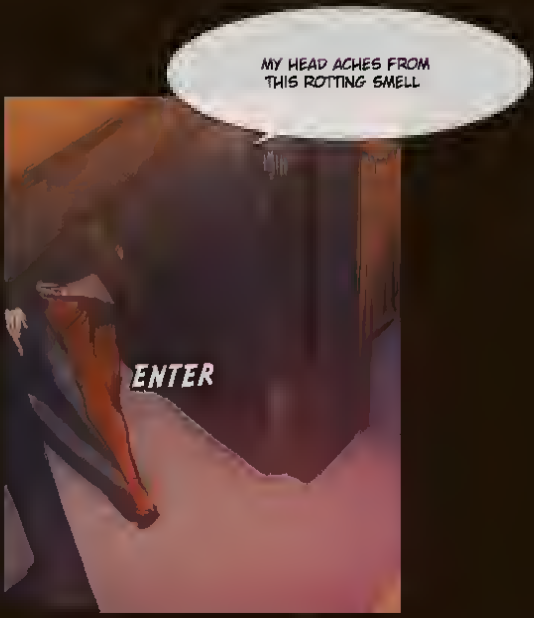
FLINCH

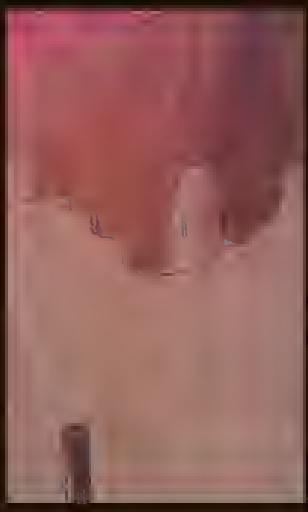

MY HEAD ACHES FROM THIS ROTTING SMELL
ENTER

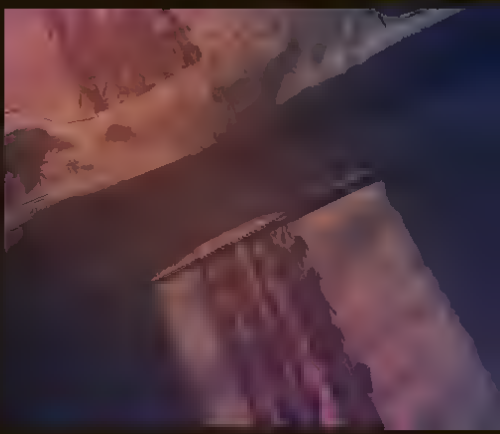
HM... IS THIS THE KITCHEN?
OOH...
BZZZZZZZZZZZZ

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THE PEOPLE LEFT BEFORE THEY EVEN HAD TIME TO CLEAN UP.
GULP
THEN AGAIN, IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, IT'S NOT SURPRISING FOR THEM TO BE AFRAID.
THANKS TO THAT, THIS PLACE IS PRACTICALLY A GHOST TOWN. IT GIVES ME THE GOOSEBUMPS.
HUAH!!!

AT THIS RATE, THE SMELL WILL STAIN MY CLOTHES.
SNIFF SNIFF.
IT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM IF ALL THE HOUSES HERE ARE LIKE THIS.
TURN
THESE PEOPLE ARE ALL CIVILIANS... SINCE EVERYONE HERE IS BEING CHARGED WITH TREASON...
CASTING THIS CITY ASIDE WAS A CLEVER PLAN.
BUT IT SEEMS EDERMASK IS MAKING MANY PEOPLE SUFFER THROUGH HARDSHIPS.

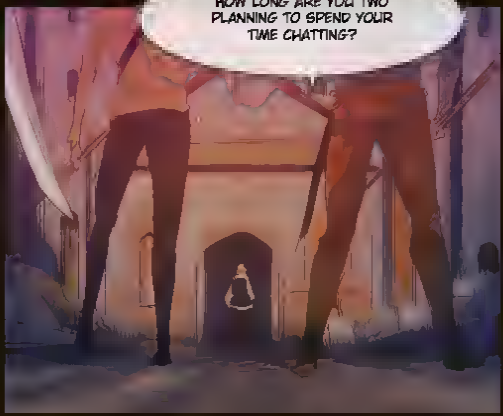
STOP WASTING TIME AND MOVE OUT!!!
LEAVE MARKERS ON EVERY HOUSE CHECKED!!!
LET'S FINISH BEFORE IT GETS DARK!!!





YOU DON'T SUPPOSE ALL OF THEM ARE LYING IN WAIT FOR US, RIGHT?
CHATTER
CHATTER
I THINK THIS REALLY IS AN EMPTY CASTLE
THIS MUST BE THE WAREHOUSE FOR GRAINS AND WHEAT
SEEING AS THE THRESHING OF WHEAT WAS STOPPED HALFWAY THROUGH...
THEY REALLY MUST HAVE LEFT IN A HURRY.

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, IT'S BEEN A COUPLE DAYS SINCE THEY DEPARTED.
HAA, SEEING THIS PLACE JUST SAPS THE MOTIVATION OUT OF ME.


HOW LONG ARE YOU TWO PLANNING TO SPEND YOUR TIME CHATTING?

STOP WASTING TIME AND SORT OUT THE CASTLE BEFORE DUSK.
SPLIT YOUR JOBS AND MOVE OUT.
LISTEN CAREFULLY. SQUADS 1 AND 2 INVESTIGATE THE BUILDINGS, SQUADS 3 AND 4 SORT OUT THE SURROUNDINGS.
I WANT SQUAD 5 TO OCCUPY THE WATCH TOWERS.
THE REST OF YOU ARE TO SECURE THE CASTLE RAMPARTS.

I WILL MOVE OUT WITH SQUADS 1 AND 2 TO INVESTIGATE THE BUILDINGS...
SO IF ANY OF YOU DISCOVER SOMETHING, CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY.
YOUR RESTING TIME IS PROPORTIONAL TO HOW EARLY YOU FINISH
SO DON'T SLACK OFF...
AND MOVE OUT.
SCATTER!!!

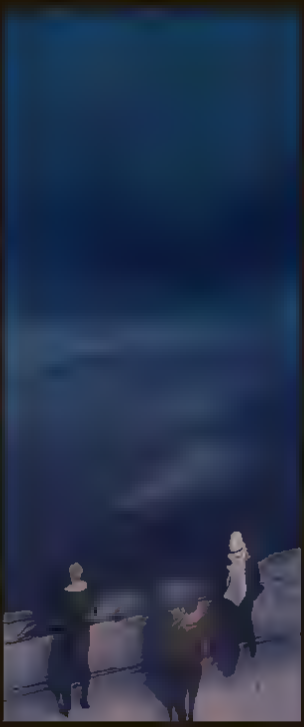
IT'S LIKE WE'RE HUNTING FOR A HIDDEN RAT
STAB
HAHA, IF THERE'S EVEN A RAT IN THIS PLACE, OF COURSE.

STEP
STEP
EVEN THOUGH THIS KEEP IS EMPTY, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL WARY.
HM...
THERE ISN'T ANY SIGNS OF PREPARATION FOR BATTLE ALMOST AS IF THIS CASTLE WAS CAST ASIDE FROM THE START.

IT FEELS AS IF ALL THE PEOPLE DISAPPEARED OFF THE FACE OF THIS WORLD IN AN INSTANT...
COULD THIS PLACE HAVE BEEN DESERTED TO BEGIN WITH?
PERHAPS I'M BEING A LITTLE TOO CAUTIOUS ABOUT THIS...
HMM...

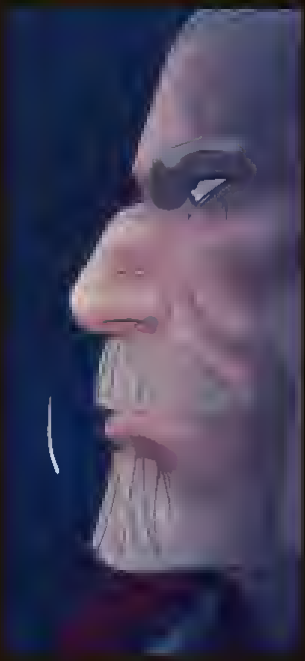
THIS LEAVES A BAD
TASTE IN MY MOUTH

AH...
STEP
STEP
ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS?
STILL QUIET AS EVER
I SEE.

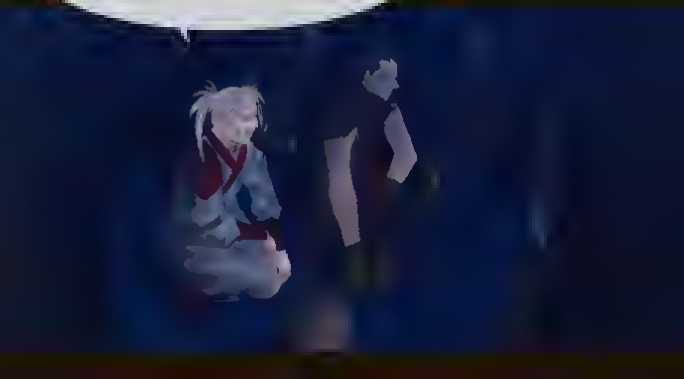


DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD AND IF ANYTHING APPEARS, REPORT TO ME IMMEDIATELY AND SEND OUT THE SIGNAL
UNDERSTOOD

I'LL STOP BY ONCE MORE
BEFORE THE SHIFT ENDS



LOOKS LIKE
EVERYTHING WAS BASED
ON UNFOUNDED FEARS



EVEN IF THERE ISN'T AN AMBUSH, ONE CAN NEVER LET THEIR GUARD DOWN.
OH MY, WAS MY COMMENT A BIT TOO DIRECT?
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ISN'T WRONG. WE MUST BE ON GUARD.
WHO CAN FIGHT A WAR UNPREPARED?

BUT LOOK.

THANKS TO THIS DELAYED AMBUSH, EVERYONE IS EXHAUSTED
AFTER A LONG DAY'S MARCH, THEIR BODIES ARE COMPLETELY WORN-OUT...

BUT THEY COULDN'T REST COMFORTABLY EVEN AFTER ARRIVING ...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IN THIS STATE?
THEY ARE GETTING PLENTY OF REST THROUGH SHIFTS AND SITUATIONS SUCH AS THESE ARE EVERYDAY TO US HUNTERS
IF THERE ARE ANY HUNTERS WHO WOULD BE BROKEN BY THIS MUCH, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN WEEDED OUT LONG AGO

HAHA, IT WASN'T MY INTENTION BUT IT SEEMS I'VE BEEN GETTING ON YOUR NERVES ALL DAY.

DON'T THINK TOO ILL OF ME.
AH...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A COMMANDER, YOU SEE. BEFORE I KNEW IT, I...

?

I'M SURE I TOLD THEM NOT TO LIGHT FIRES...

WAIT A SECOND... SOMETHING'S OFF. THE FIRE IS TOO...

D-DON'T
TELL ME!!!

BO

OM

WH-WHAT THE?!!!

HM, WHAT IS IT?
HGH!!!

UNNI WHAT'S GOING ON?
.....

WH-WHAT IN THE...
.....

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

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MUTTER
MUTTER
...BURN EVERYTHING TO THE GROUND.
BLAZE
WHOOSH

BLAZE
BANG

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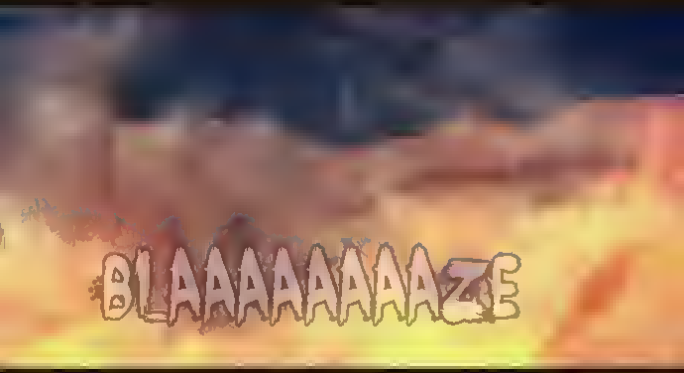
WHERE THE HELL WAS THAT CRAZY BASTARD HIDING?!!!
WAS THERE SOME KIND OF SECRET ENTRANCE?!
HGH!!!
FWOOSH
L-LET'S RUN FOR NOW!!!

WAH, I CAUGHT ON FIRE!!!
THAT SON OF A...!!!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
THE ENEMY IS BEWILDERED!!!
INCINERATE THEM ALL!!!
YES SIR!!!
YES SIR!!!

CRACKLE
CRACKLE


BLAAAAAAAAZE

Halt

HGH!
FWOOSH
WHAT IN THE... I'M *POSITIVE* I SEARCHED THROUGH EVERY CORNER IN THIS KEEP—
BURN DOWN THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE!!!

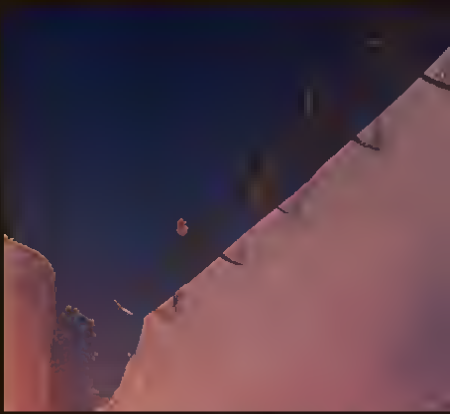
THE FIRE IS CLIMBING!!!
WAH!
LET'S RUN TO THE OTHER SIDE!!!
YOU DUMB FOOLS!!!

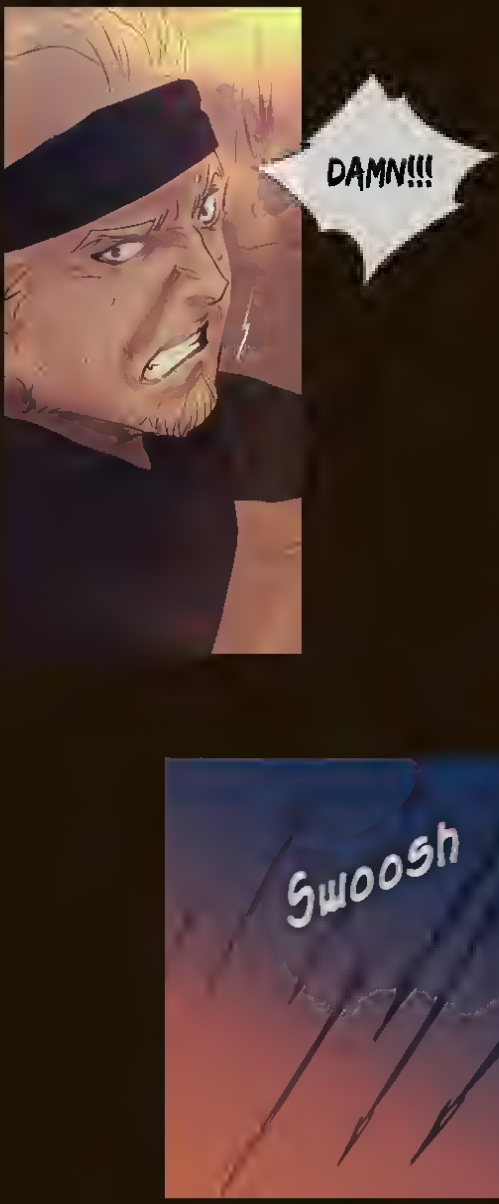
STOP PANICKING AND KILL THEM!!!
STOP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING!!!
...THEIR LEADER?

ALL THE MEN ON THE RAMPARTS! YOUR PRIORITY IS TO ELIMINATE ALL THE ENEMY QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY!!!
THOSE UP FRONT SHOULD SECURE THE ENTRANCE AND OPEN THE CASTLE GATES!!!
AFTERWARDS, CREATE A PATH SO THOSE INSIDE CAN ESCAPE!!!
NOW ENOUGH STALLING AND MOVE OUT!!!

YES SIR!!!
HE MANAGED TO QUELL THEIR PANIC IN AN INSTANT...
AH!
KGH...
SHIT! THIS IS FASTER THAN EXPECTED

Click
Click

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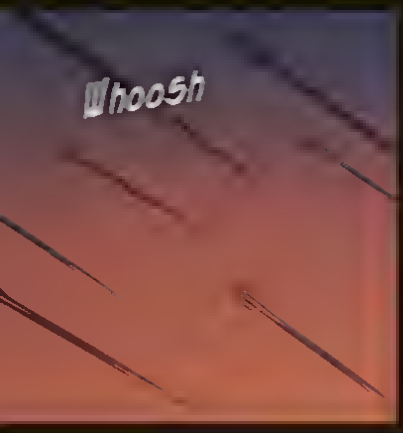
Swoosh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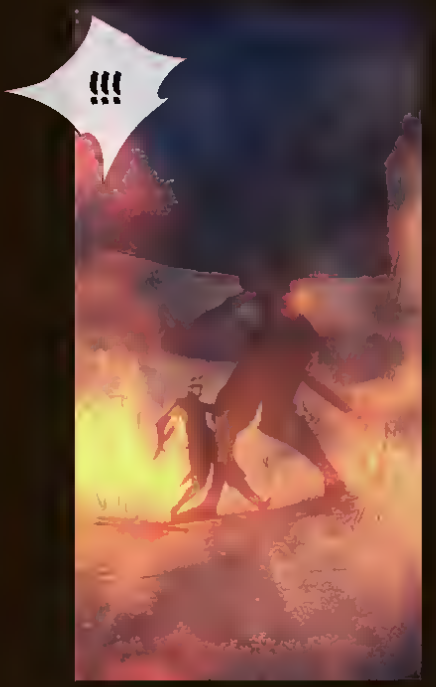
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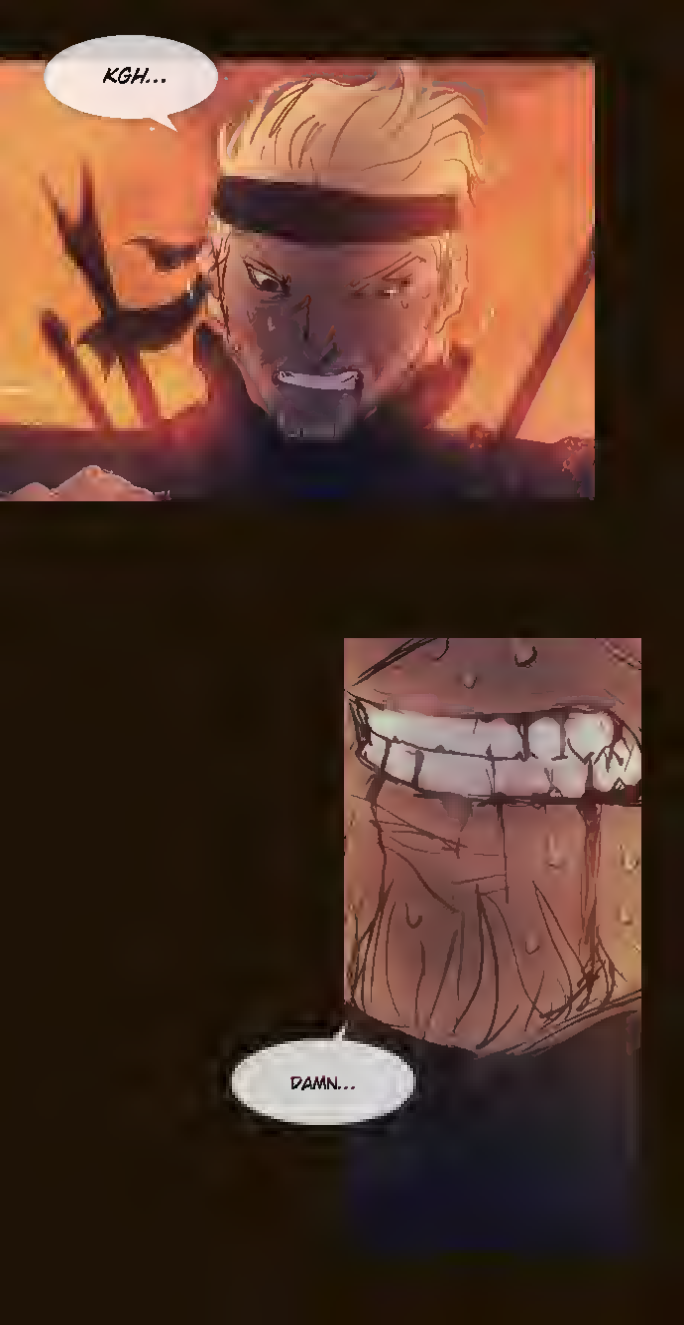
HGH!!!
STAB STAB STAB
KGH!!!
PIERCE
UGH...!

WOBBLE


KGH...
DAMN...

AHHHHHHHHH!!!
BLAAAAAAAAAZE
HGH!

FLAAAAAAAAZE
WHAT A CRAZY BASTARD... LIGHTING HIMSELF ON FIRE...
KGH...
NOT MAKING IT EASY FOR US. ARE YOU?
WE HAVE ELIMINATED THE ENEMY!!!
NOW, OPEN UP A PATH FOR US TO ESCAPE!!!

WE'RE THROWING AWAY THIS KEEP!!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE A DOG'S DEATH, MOVE QUICKLY!!!

SHIT!!!
FWOOSH
THE FIRE ALREADY REACHED THIS FAR!!!
CREEEEEEAK

THE CASTLE GATES ARE OPEN!!!
EVERYONE...!

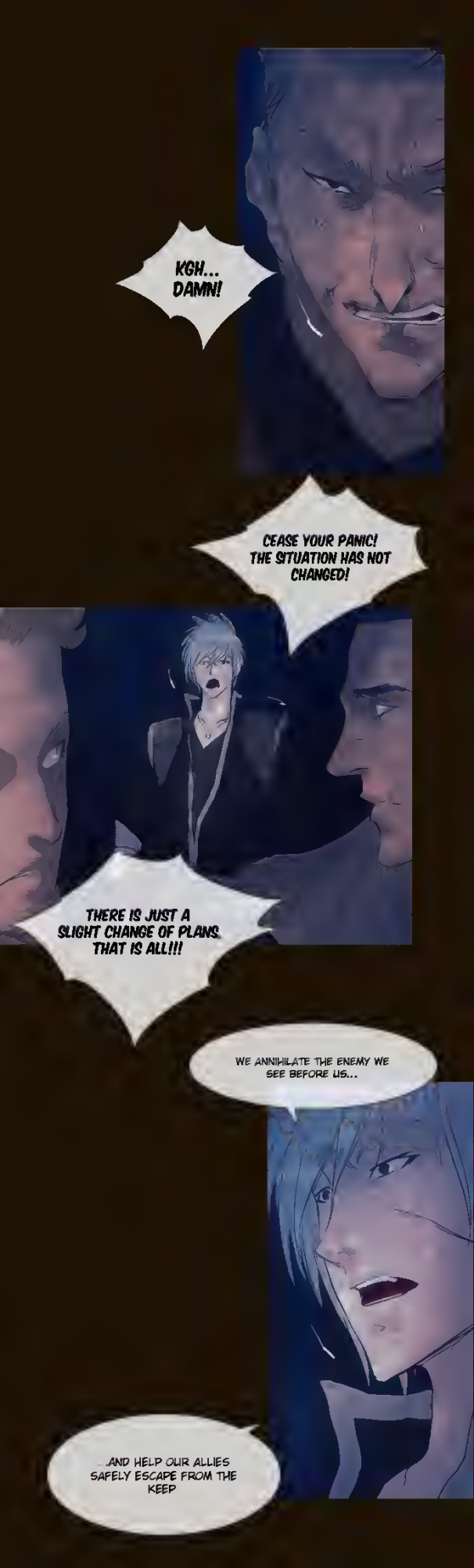
KGH!!!
PIERCE
N-NOW WHAT?

DAMN, ENEMIES ARE IN FRONT OF THE CASTLE GATES...!!!
DAMN IT ALL!!!
HURRY AND CLOSE THE GATES!!!
THE FIRE IS ALREADY SURROUNDING US!!!

HGH!
HOW DID THEY...

AH!
I-I SEE MOVEMENT COMING FROM THE CITY ..!
WHAT?!

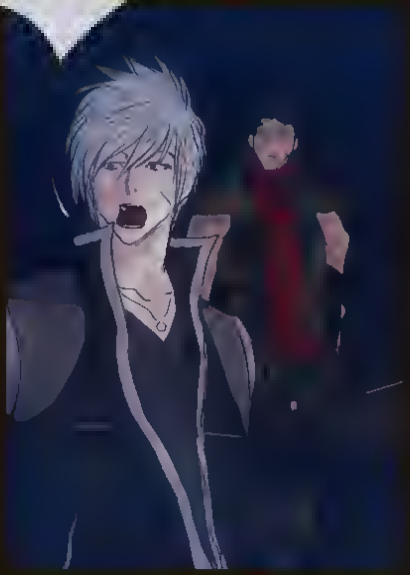
IT'S TRUE!!!
THERE'S DOZENS OF THEM!
I'M SURE WE SCOURED THE ENTIRE CITY...
WHERE IN THE WORLD WERE THEY HIDING?


KGH... DAMN!
CEASE YOUR PANIC! THE SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED!
THERE IS JUST A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PLANS. THAT IS ALL!!!
WE ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY WE SEE BEFORE US...
...AND HELP OUR ALLIES SAFELY ESCAPE FROM THE KEEP

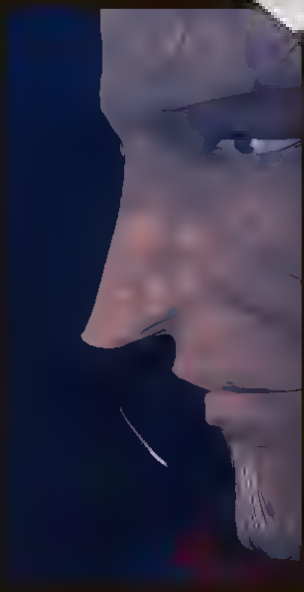
UNDERSTOOD?!!!
HEY, HEBI.
PAT
AH...
I-I APOLOGIZE.
THIS IS ALL...

TAKE THE HUNDRED MEN YOU PREVIOUSLY LED AND MOVE OUT.
SPLIT YOUR FORCES AROUND BOTH SIDES OF THE FOREST AND CREATE A BLOCKADE AROUND THE CITY
SEAL ANY HOPE OF REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE ENEMY AND CAPTURE ANY OF THEM WHO TRY TO ESCAPE
AH. YES SIR.
THIS IS OUR FIRST BATTLE!

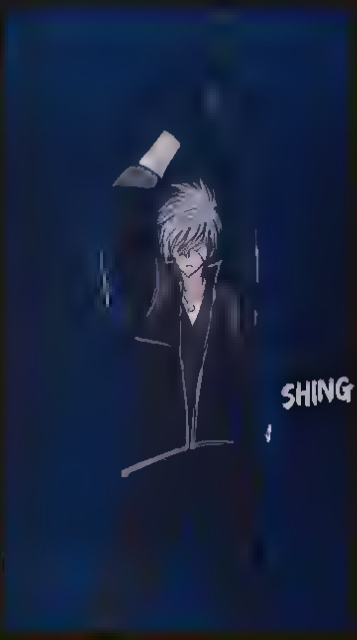
WE FAR OUTNUMBER THE ENEMY!!!

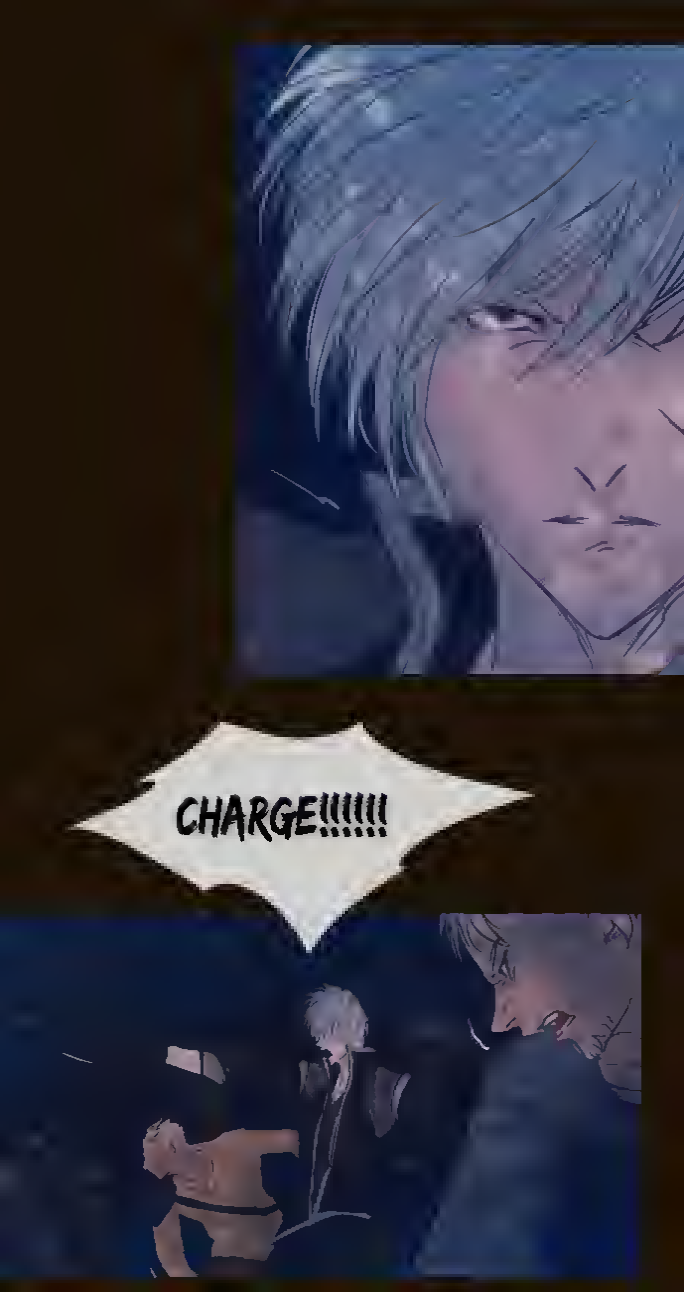


VICTORY LIES RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES!!!



TAKE A GOOD BREATHE AND CALM YOURSELVES




CHARGE!!!!!!

WAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!!!
FLINCH
STARTLE
WH-WHAT THE?!

W
EN...!
ENEMIES ARE COMING FROM THE FOREST!!!

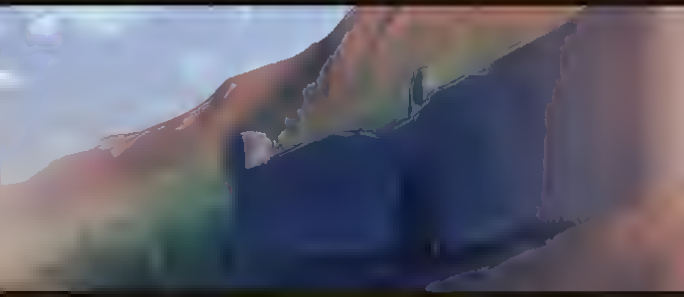
A
H
THOSE BASTARDS SPLITTING THEIR FORCES LIKE THAT...
DAMN, THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM PLAN

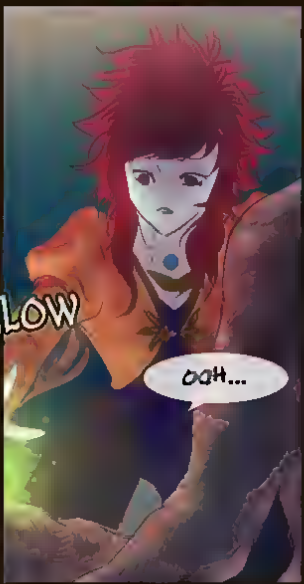
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM... DID WE MISREAD THEIR FORCES?

WHAT A RELIEF. SUPPORT SURE CAME FAST.
HEH.
SPLENDID
LISTEN UP! SUPPORT FROM THE FOREST HAVE ARRIVED!!!
THE ENEMY SHOULD BE CURRENTLY PANICKING! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!!!
LET'S OPEN THE CASTLE GATES AND GIVE THEM HELL!!!
OVERWHELM THE BEWILDERED ENEMY IN A SINGLE STROKE!!!

ALL OF YOU, DRAW YOUR WEAPONS!!!
BLAZE
WE'RE OPENING THE CASTLE GATES!!!

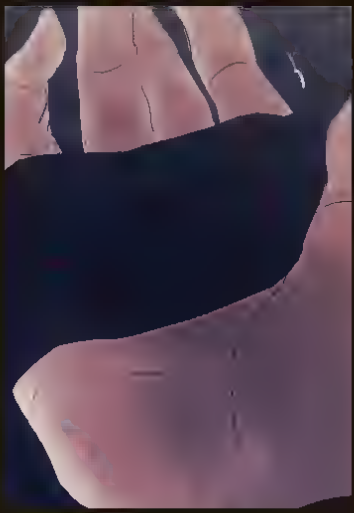
KILL THEM ALL!!!
WAAAAAAAAAAH




GLOW
OOH...

oh...
GLOW

REACH



WHAT AN IRRITATING HEADBAND
CLENCH
HOW MANY LOSSES ON OUR SIDE?
LUCKILY, NOT MANY LIVES HAS BEEN LOST

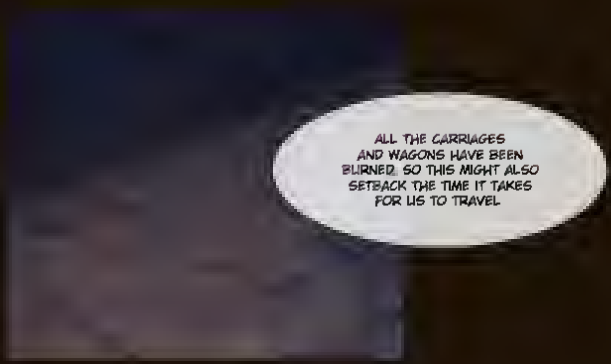
THOSE WHO ARE DEAD OR UNABLE TO FIGHT NUMBER TWENTY-THREE

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE QUITE A LOT OF MEN WHO RECEIVED INJURIES...

THEY SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM FIGHTING

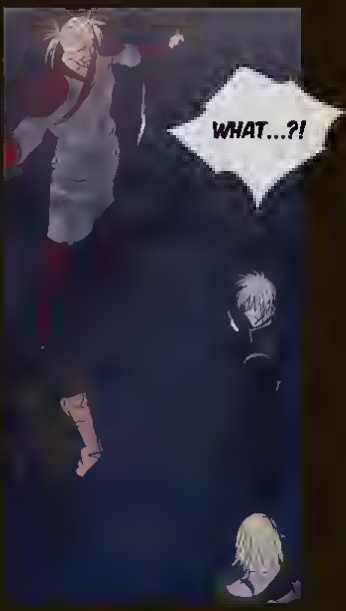
KGH, IF ONLY I PAID A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION...
BYGONES BE BYGONES. DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.
I-I AM ASHAMED

TO BE HONEST, OUR SUPPLIES TOOK A BIGGER HIT THAN THE NUMBER OF MEN WE LOST.
SINCE OVER HALF OF OUR SUPPLIES WERE BURNED, WE'LL BE ABLE TO LAST A WEEK AT MOST.


ALL THE CARRIAGES AND WAGONS HAVE BEEN BURNED, SO THIS MIGHT ALSO SETBACK THE TIME IT TAKES FOR US TO TRAVEL

THE DAMAGE WE TOOK IS MORE SEVERE THAN I THOUGHT
ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T PREPARE THOROUGHLY TO THINK WE TOOK THIS MUCH LOSSES AFTER ALL OUR PREPARATION...
I'M BEGINNING TO FEAR HOW THE NORTHERN KEEPS FARED.

I'M SURE THE OTHER TWO KEEPS ARE IN A SIMILAR SITUATION AS US.
AT DAWN. BEFORE I REJOINED THE TROOPS...
I WITNESSED THE TWO KEEPS BURNING WITH MY OWN EYES.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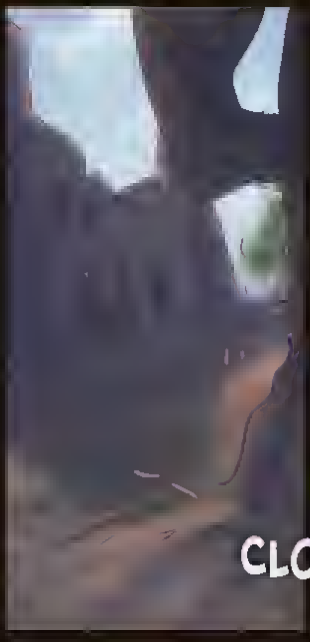
KGH...!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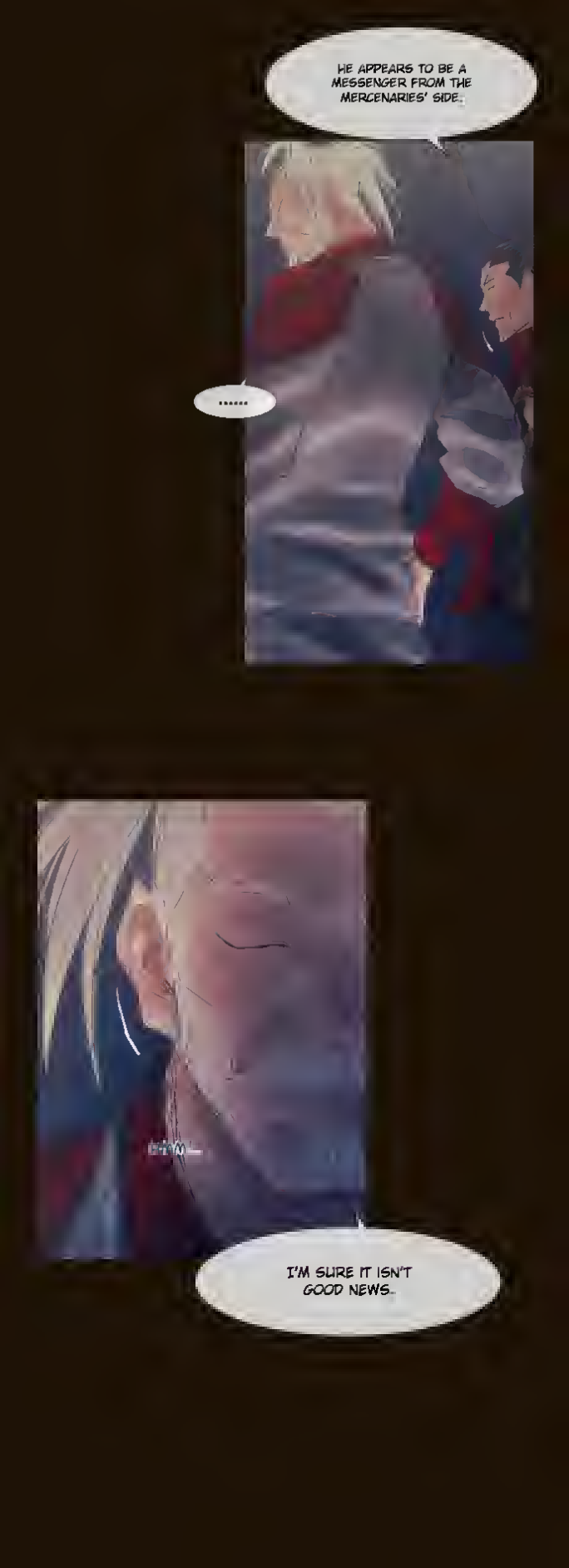
HE APPEARS TO BE A MESSENGER FROM THE MERCENARIES' SIDE.
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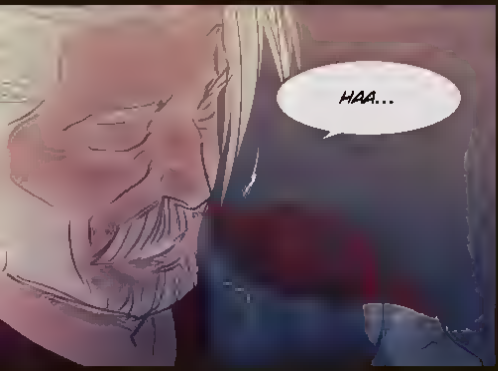
I'M SURE IT ISN'T GOOD NEWS.

KNEEL


HAA...

ALRIGHT. LET'S HEAR THE SITUATION.
WE MERCENARIES RECEIVED SIXTY-SEVEN CASUALTIES AT LATE DAWN DUE TO AN ENEMY AMBUSH.
OUR SUPPLIES TOOK THE LARGEST HIT. WE ONLY MANAGED TO PROTECT 4-5 DAY'S WORTH.

DID THE ENEMY SIDE ALSO PLAY WITH FIRE?
YES. THEY SPREAD FIRE WITHIN THE KEEP. WE TRIED TO CAST AWAY THE CASTLE AND RUN, BUT THE ENEMY LIED IN WAIT IN FRONT OF THE GATES. DUE TO THAT, OUR LOSSES WERE LARGE
HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE MERCENARY KING, WE MANAGED TO CUT OUT LOSSES...
AND MANAGED TO CAPTURE A COUPLE RUNAWAYS AND ELIMINATE ALL THE ENEMY
HMM...

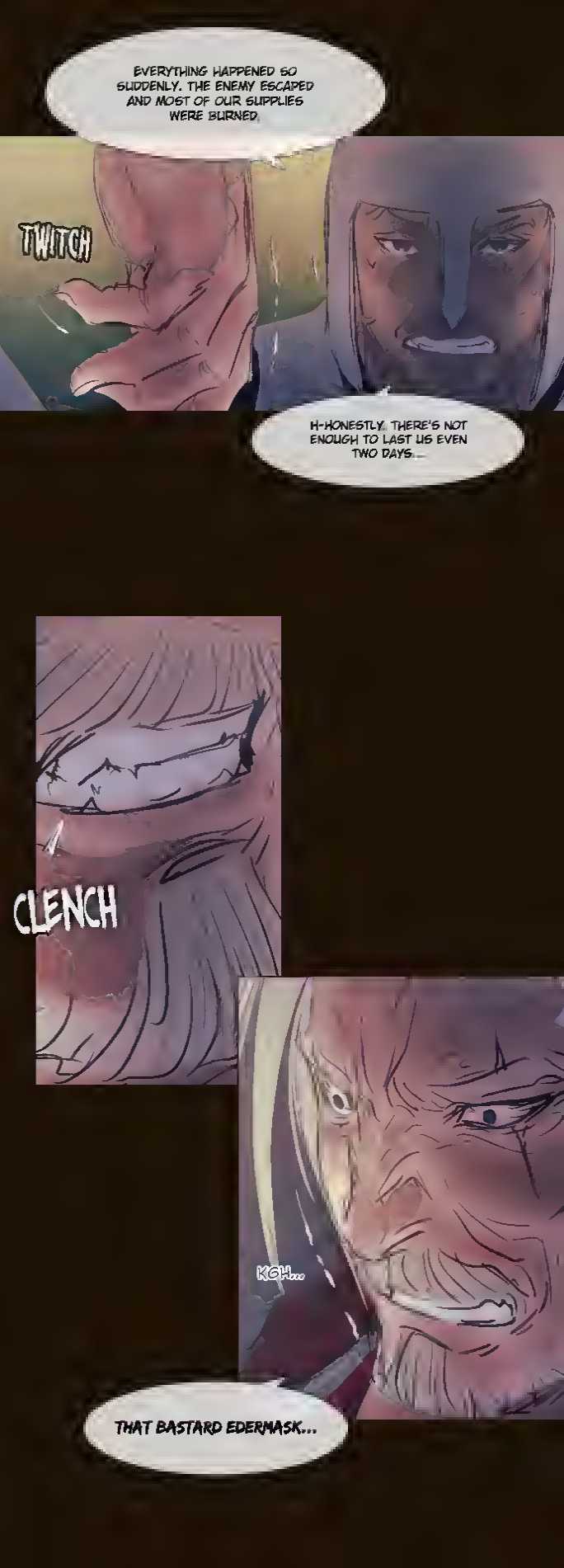
THAT MUST BE THE SOLDIER'S SIDE
CLIPPITY
CLOPPITY

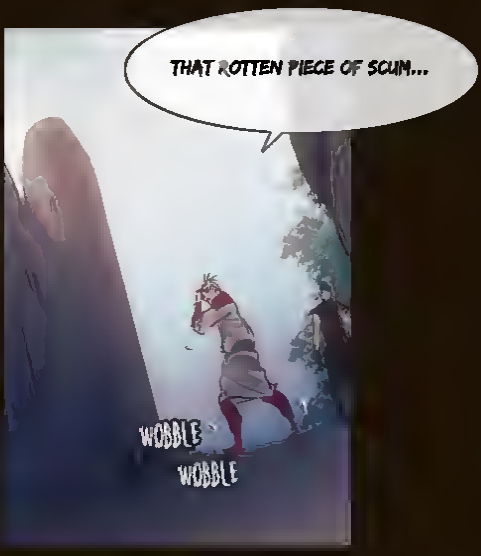
PHEW...
I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO HEAR THE REPORT...

GO STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
KNEEL

YES... TH-THAT...
WHAT IS IT? ARE THE LOSSES SEVERE?
SIGHhooo

J-JUST THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO FIGHT NUMBER OVER SIX HUNDRED.
WHAT?!
S-SIX HUNDRED?!!!


EVERYTHING HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY. THE ENEMY ESCAPED AND MOST OF OUR SUPPLIES WERE BURNED.
TWITCH
H-HONESTLY. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TO LAST US EVEN TWO DAYS....
CLENCH
KGH....
THAT BASTARD EDERMASK...



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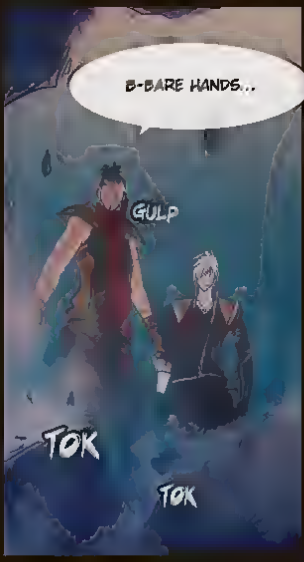
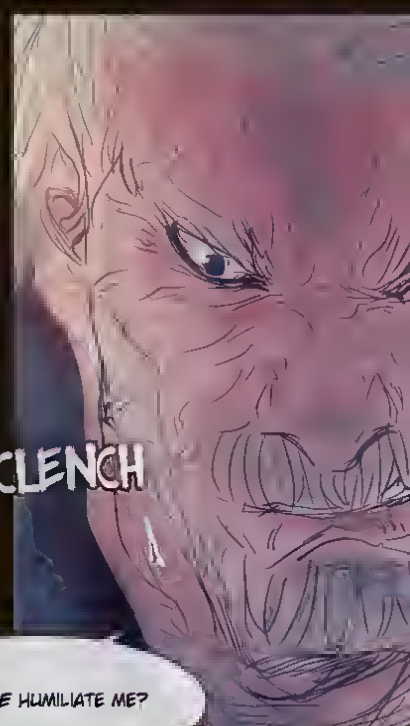
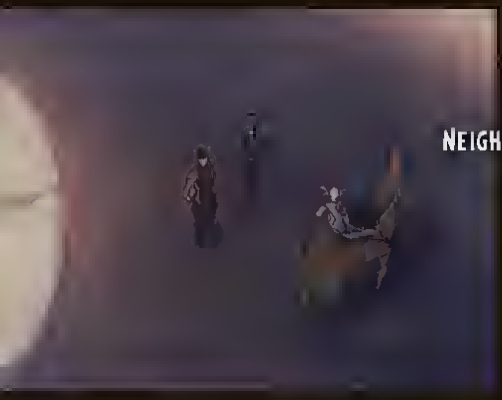
WH-WHAT THE?


B-BARE HANDS...
GULP
TOK
TOK

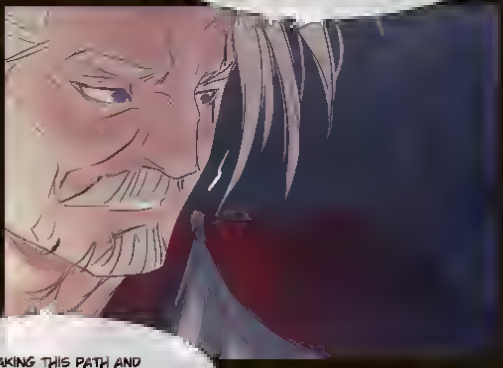

CLENCH
YOU DARE HUMILIATE ME?

BRING MY HORSE!!!
Y-YES SIR!!!

Whiiiiiiiiiiiiiiish



I'LL CONTACT MISTY TO SEND OVER SUPPLIES RIGHT AWAY.



I'M TAKING THIS PATH AND HEADING TOWARDS THE NORTHERN KEEP IMMEDIATELY.

I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO TO SETTLE EVERYTHING HERE. AFTER FINISHING, JOIN UP WITH THE MERCENARIES AND MOVE ACCORDING TO PLAN.

NO NEED TO WORRY.

CHE!
GIDDY UP!!!
CLIPPITY
CLOPPITY

HMM...

AJUSSI?
IT SEEMS MY PREDICTIONS WERE A BIT OFF.
STEP
STEP

I KNEW THE GUARD CAPTAIN WOULD SLIP UP, BUT NOT *THIS* BADLY...
SINCE THERE WERE SO MANY SOLDIERS. I SUPPOSE THE SITUATION WAS *THAT* MUCH HARDER TO KEEP UNDER CONTROL.
HOWEVER, THE LOSSES ARE TOO LARGE.

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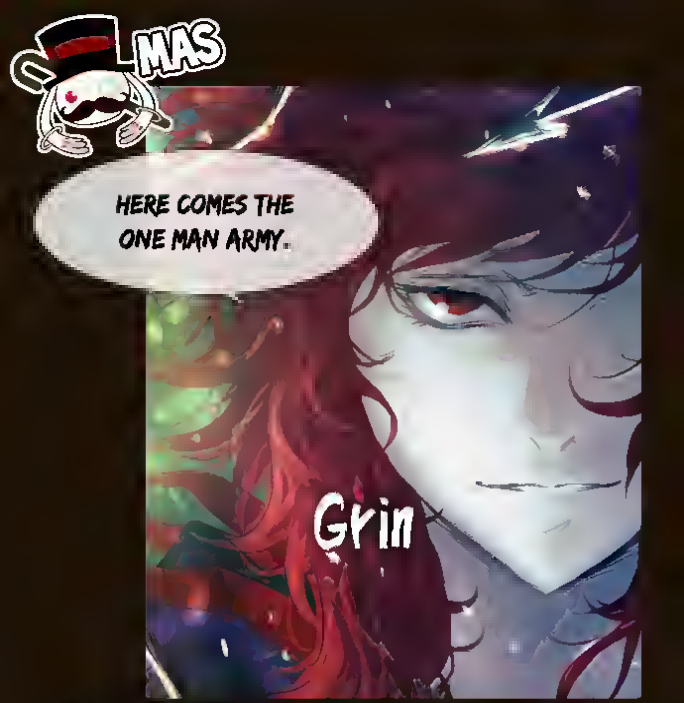

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WE LOST OVER 1/5 OF OUR MEN IN ONE FELL SWOOP.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IF WE ASSUME THERE ARE MORE THAN EXPECTED, WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER THOSE WHO ARE TAKING THE TIME LOOKING AFTER THEM.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT'S MORE ACCURATE TO SAY WE LOST 3/10 OF OUR MEN INSTEAD.
HM...

SINCE WE LOST SO MANY MEN BEFORE OUR OPERATION EVEN BEGAN...
WE CAN'T CONFIRM THAT THINGS WILL GO AS WE FIRST PLANNED ANYMORE.

OUR INITIAL PLAN SOUGHT OUT TO DRAG IN AS MUCH ENEMY FORCES TO THE FRONTLINES AS POSSIBLE...
HOWEVER, SINCE WE LOST 3/10 OF OUR FORCES THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR TROOPS LESSENED.

EVEN SO WE WOULD HAVE TO OVERCOME THIS SITUATION AND WIN THEM IN BATTLE...
HOWEVER, WITH THE SOLDIERS SIDE TAKING SUCH LOSSES, THE PROBABILITY OF THEM COWERING IS LARGE. DUE TO THAT, I'M QUESTIONING HOW THINGS WILL DEVELOP.

THIS BEING THE CASE...
THE KEY TO VICTORY LIES IN THE REINFORCEMENTS COMING FROM ENOK BUT...
I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR THEY WILL BE WILLING TO GO.
IF THEY GO ALL-OUT WITH THEIR FIRST BATTLE EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT...
HOWEVER, WHETHER THE SOLDIER'S SIDE WILL DO WELL OR NOT IS...
.....

SO IN THE END, EVERYTHING HINGES ON US. HUH?
I SUPPOSE.
ENOK'S FORCES WILL NOT MOVE UNLESS THE ENEMY DISPLAYS CONSIDERABLE SKILL.
OR IF *WE* DISPLAY HIGHER IF NOT EQUAL SKILL IN FRONT OF THE TROOPS.
LUCKILY, IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE GAINED FROM THIS ENCOUNTER, IT'S THAT THE HUNTERS' TRUST IN ME HAS GROWN.
MORALE IS HIGH AND THERE IS MUCH SOLIDARITY. OUR SIDE HAS NO PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER.
AND THERE'S NO NEED TO MENTION THE MERCENARY KING'S SIDE. I'M SURE HE HAS THINGS UNDER WRAP.
HOWEVER, THE SOLDIERS' SIDE LOST OVER HALF THEIR MEN.

WE'LL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM EVENTUALLY. EVERYTHING WILL PROCEED SMOOTHLY ONLY IF THE SOLDIERS ARE ABLE TO PULL THEIR OWN WEIGHT.

YOU CAN SAY THIS PORTION RELIES ON HOW FAST RANG WILL BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE THE SITUATION.
ASSUMING THE SOLDIERS WILL BE ABLE TO PULL THEIR OWN WEIGHT...

THE MERCENARY KING WILL BE PROBABLY BE THE ONE TO LEAD.
CARTOGRAPHY IS AN ESSENTIAL SKILL AND HIS SPECIALTY LIES IN SIEGES AFTER ALL

AS LONG AS WE DON'T GET AHEAD OF OURSELVES, I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO OFFSET LOSING 3/10 OF OUR FORCES
ALSO, I'VE BEEN MULLING OVER THIS, BUT I KEEP GETTING THE FEELING THIS FIRST BATTLE WAS OUR FIRST AND LAST CHANCE AT EXECUTING *OUR* PLAN
ONCE WE JOIN UP WITH THE SOLDIERS OUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS WILL DWINDLE AFTER ALL
ALSO, SINCE THERE'S THE ISSUE BETWEEN YOU AND EDAN, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DRAG THIS OUT
ALTHOUGH I STILL HAVE SOME THINGS TO GO OVER, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO READY A BACK-UP PLAN AS WELL
EDERMASK'S SIDE AND THE APPROVAL OF THE MAIN FORCE.

OH MY. IT SEEMS YOUR MIND LIES SOMEWHERE ELSE
HAHA.
AH...
NOT AT ALL. I WAS LISTENING TO EVERY...

I APOLOGIZE.
HEH.

WHO WERE YOU STARING AT? IREMI?
STARTLE
HUH?
WHAT?!!! IREMI, YOU SAY... HAHAHA...
?
Seriously?

W-WELL, YOU SEE... HAHA...
I WASN'T STARING AT HER, PER SE... BUT, WELL...
NO... HM... HMM...

HAHA, BULLSEYE?
HAA...
You might as well tell the whole world.
It's plain as day...
HGH...
B-BY THE WAY, I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED BUT IT SEEMS ELLIE HAS ADJUSTED WELL TO THE SITUATION.

SHE SIMPLY WAS USED TO THIS KIND OF ENVIRONMENT TO BEGIN WITH.
ALTHOUGH, IF SHE STAYS IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT FOR AN EXTENDED TIME, IT MAY BECOME A PROBLEM
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

Putting that aside, the fact that the atmosphere livened up thanks to Ellie is true.

In the beginning, many people complained that the battlefield wasn't a playground for children

Back then, I'm sure none of them even fathomed that they would come to love her this much

PRETTY AMAZING HUH?

IN THE BEGINNING, ALL OF THEM WERE REARING TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER.

WITH ELLIE AT THE CENTER, EVERYONE IS STARTING TO ACKNOWLEDGE EACH OTHER AND MAKE AMENDS

THAT'S ELLIE'S CHARM. YOU CAN SAY HER ACTIONS SPEAK MUCH LOUDER THAN WORDS
I suppose. Then again, she IS much more cute than Irem...who talks incessantly
.....
No retort? Kuku.

WELL THEN.
STAND

I'LL TALK ABOUT MORE SERIOUS MATTERS ONCE EVERYONE IS GATHERED, SO...

LET'S SETTLE THINGS HERE AND PUT ALL OUR ATTENTION IN PACKING UP.
WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE OUT IN THE AFTERNOON.
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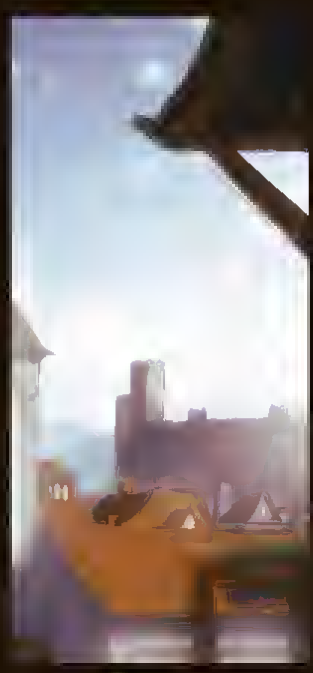
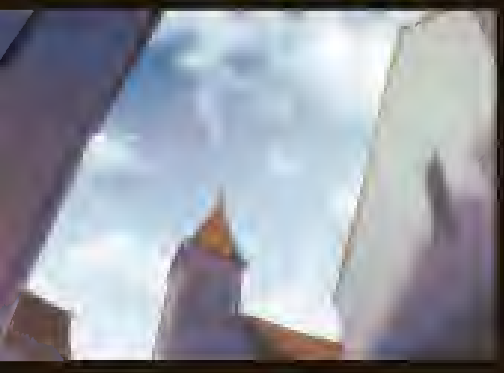
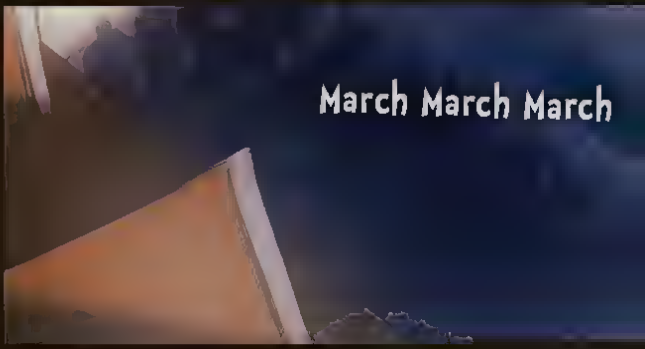
SOUNDS GOOD.

IN THE MEAN TIME, I'LL BE RACKING MY HEAD OVER OUR PLANS AND THINK THINGS OUT



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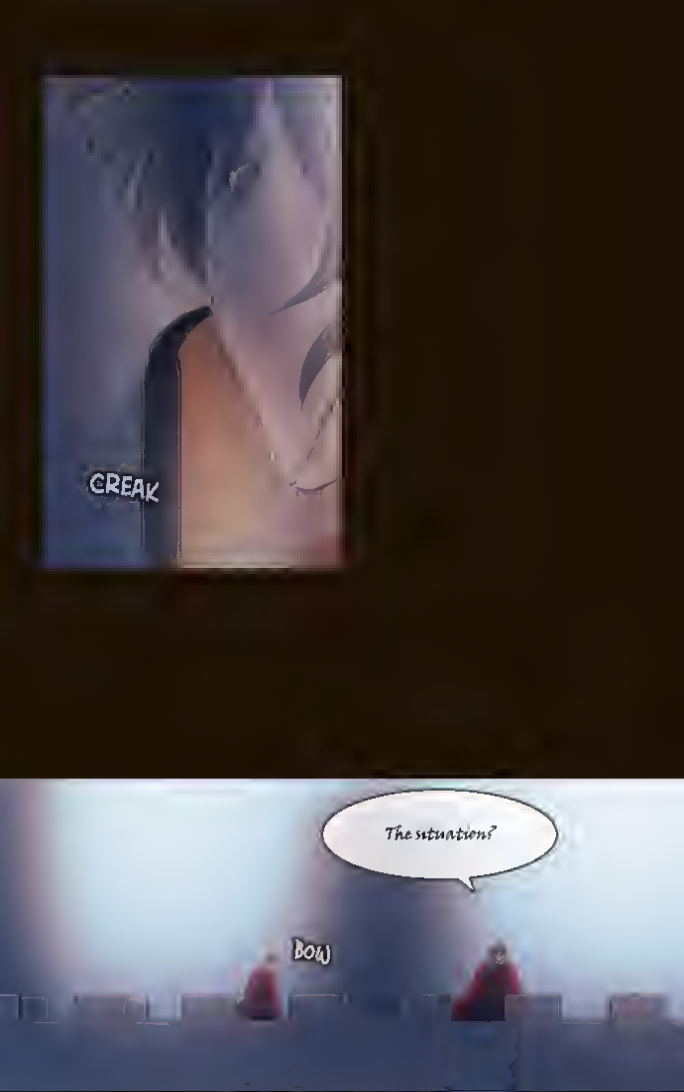
AGAIN...

THEY'RE SUDDENLY MORE ACTIVE IN THE AFTERNOON.
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, I THINK THEY BEGAN THEIR SCUFFLE WITH THE SUBJUGATION ARMY.
PERHAPS...
.....

AT THIS RATE, IT'LL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO MOVE AROUND.. WHAT SHALL WE DO?
HM..
LET'S HEAD BACK. THIS MUCH IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
IT'S BETTER TO BE CAREFUL THAN GET CAUGHT AND CAUSE PROBLEMS.

.....
SOON.

FLUTTER


CREAK
The situation?
BOW

ENEMY FORCES RECEIVED HUGE LOSSES IN THE NORTHERN KEEP. SEVERAL HUNDRED CASUALTIES AMONG THEIR SIDE HAS BEEN REPORTED.
IN THE MIDDLE KEEP, REGRETFULLY, THE LOSSES IN THE MERCENARIES SIDE WAS NOT AS GREAT. HOWEVER, WE MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL TO SOME EXTENT
OUR LARGEST SUCCESS LIES IN HOW WE WERE ABLE TO DELIVER A HUGE BLOW ON THEIR SUPPLIES...
Hm...

You left out the report on the southern keep.
THAT'S...

ALTHOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM FLAMES RISING FROM THE KEEP, APART FROM THAT...

IT SEEMS THEY WERE UNABLE TO ESCAPE.
.....
I TOLD THEM NOT TO PUSH THEMSELVES, BUT SEEING AS THEY HAVE NOT RETURNED...
COULD THEY HAVE SET UP CAMP OUTSIDE THE KEEP?

Although I feel remorse for losing the keeps, I'm glad our gains were great.
With this, the morale of the enemy should drop and their movements should dull.
Now that they have tasted defeat, the image of an ambush or surprise attack won't easily leave their minds.
They will have no choice but to act modestly.
On top of that, since houses lie on the outskirts of this castle, they will have to pay more caution when they move.

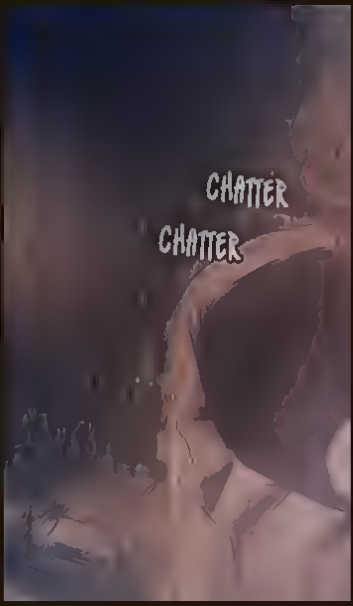
Due to that, they will have difficulty sending out forces at night.
We're going to take advantage of this fact.
I will make them regret not attacking us in full force from the start.
I will slowly whittle away at their forces.

Prepare the troops.
YES SIR

AH...

STEP
STEP

QUIN-NIM
Knock knock
THE HUNTERS HAVE ARRIVED
REALLY?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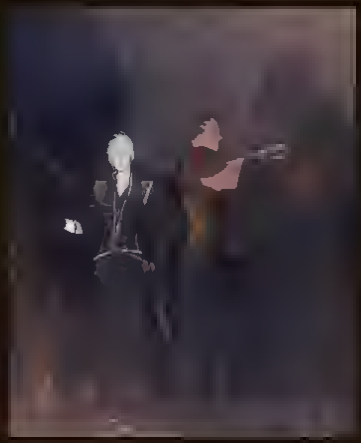
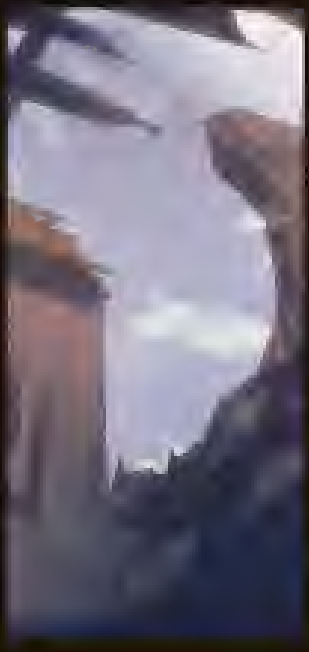


HAHA I WAS WORRIED.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO GREET YOU TWO.
I APOLOGIZE ABOUT THAT.

SINCE THE SITUATION HERE IS GRIM, THERE'S NOT MUCH EXCITEMENT IN THE AIR.
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD YOUR OWN SHARE OF TROUBLES
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED, BUT I AM DAMN GLAD TO SEE YOU ALL RIGHT NOW.
Nod
I ALREADY HEARD THE SITUATION ON YOUR SIDE

I HEAR THE ACTIONS YOU TOOK WERE GREAT FROM THE START...

WELL LET'S HEAD INSIDE THEN TALK.



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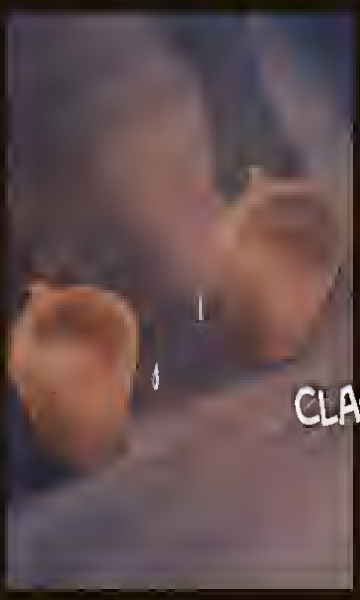
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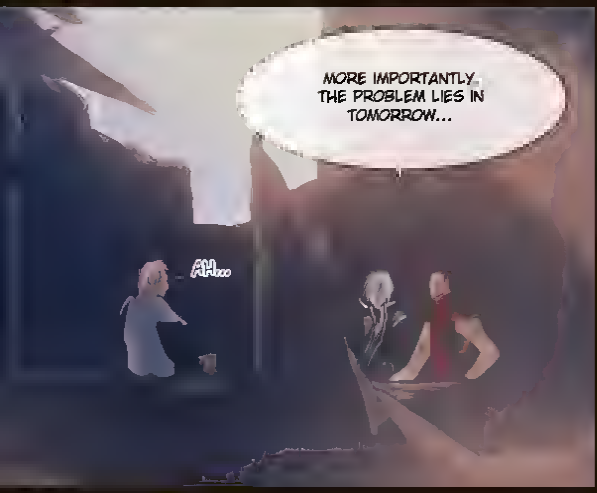
HAHA, SEEING AS I HAVE NOTHING PREPARED...
I'M ASHAMED TO SERVE THIS TO MY GUESTS...

ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH, THIS PLACE IS IN THE BEST STATE HERE.
HAHAHA.
HAA... ALTHOUGH WE TOOK THE KEEP...
I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE CASUALTIES.— IT'S NOT JUST ONE OR TWO, YOU SEE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. AMONG BREAKERS' COMPANIONS...
THERE ARE A COUPLE MAGICIANS CAPABLE OF CASTING HEALING MAGIC I ALREADY TOLD THEM TO TEND TO THE WOUNDED
OOH.
WELL THAT'S ONE LOAD OF MY BACK. HAHA, THANKS A LOT
I'M HAPPY TO BE OF HELP!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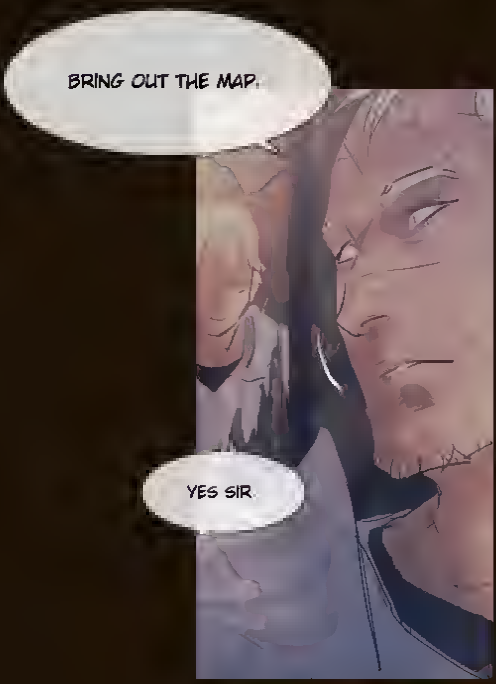
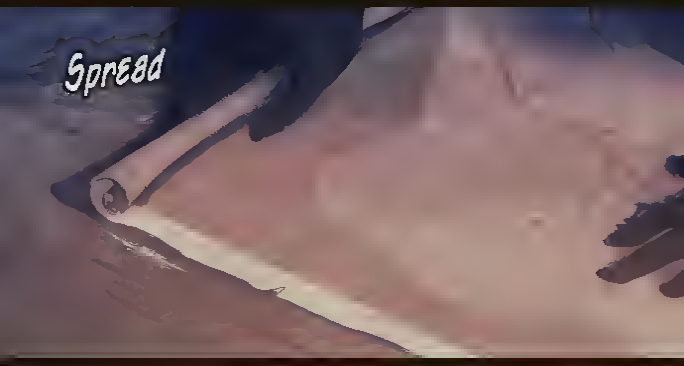
Ah...

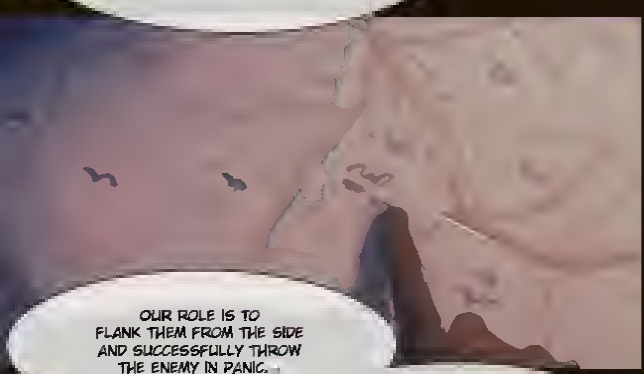

BRING OUT THE MAP.
YES SIR.



OUR FIRST BATTLE WILL REQUIRE US TO TAKE ALL OUR EQUIPMENT AND JOIN UP WITH THE MAIN FORCE. ESSENTIALLY, THIS WILL BE OUR FIRST COOPERATIVE PLA-

GAUGING OUT THE LANDSCAPE WILL PLAY A HUGE ROLE IN TOMORROW'S BATTLE.

THE PROBLEMS LIES IN THE COURSE WE TAKE IN ORDER TO REACH AHNT CASTLE. UNLIKE THE MAIN FORCE WHICH WILL ATTACK FROM THE FRONT...



OUR ROLE IS TO FLANK THEM FROM THE SIDE AND SUCCESSFULLY THROW THE ENEMY IN PANIC.

THEN MOVE UPWARDS AND JOIN UP WITH THE SOLDIERS.

BY ACTING AS BAIT. OUR DUTY IS TO THWART ALL THEIR PLANS BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO ACT.
THIS APPLIES ESPECIALLY TO THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IT'S EASY TO STAGE AN AMBUSH IN SUCH LOCATIONS. MERELY PASSING THROUGH CAN BE A HUGE RISK DUE TO SURPRISE ATTACKS.
AND AMONG THESE AREAS. THE LARGEST HURDLE AND OUR FIRST TRIAL LIES RIGHT...
HERE.
TAP
AHNT RIVER.

DUE TO THIS LOCATION, OUR ACTIONS ARE PLACED UNDER CONSTRAINTS.
HMM...
THERE'S HIGH PROBABILITY THE ENEMY IS AIMING FOR US HERE.
IT'S INEVITABLE THAT WE WILL CROSS THE BRIDGE HERE
TO MAKE MATTER WORSE, THE STREETS APPEAR RIGHT ACROSS THE BRIDGE.
IN ORDER TO ATTACK THE CASTLE, WE MUST CROSS OVER TO THIS LOCATION.
HOWEVER, WE MUST BRAVE THE RISKS AS WE MOVE.

CAN'T WE CIRCLE AROUND TO THE SOUTH? QUICKLY ATTACKING THEN GOING UP DOESN'T SOUND HALF-BAD...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THE WIDTH OF THE BRIDGE HERE IS TOO SHORT AND...
SINCE IT REQUIRES SO MUCH TIME TO GO THERE THE CHANCE THE ENEMY MIGHT DISCOVER US EARLY RISES DRAMATICALLY
ON TOP OF THAT, WE'LL HAVE TO CLIMB OVER RAMPARTS AND GO THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS AS WELL... NOT A GREAT PATH TO TAKE.

IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO THINK THERE ISN'T AN AMBUSH STAGED HERE.
THERE'S OBVIOUSLY AN AMBUSH, AND WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME THE CITIZENS ARE ON THEIR SIDE. SO IF WE JUST...
WE CAN'T.
WE MUST AVOID ATTACKING THE HOMES OF CITIZENS AND INVOLVING THEM IN BATTLE.
THAT WOULD COMPLETELY OVERTHROW THE JUSTIFICATION OF THIS SUBJUGATION, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT EDERMASK WANTS

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS WE MUST NOT BECOME ENEMIES OF THE CITIZENS

HM... YES I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT. IF WE SCREW UP, A BIG OR EVEN A BIG DISHONOR MIGHT APPEAR.

THEN IN THE END, EVEN THAT MEAN WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY AND STAY ALERT!

NO SIR!, WE SHOULD ATTACK!. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KILL YOUR MORALE AND MUCH!

I KNOW IT!! BY FIGHTING UNDER DIVERSE CONDITIONS, BUT THIS IS...

THIS PLAN IS GOING TO RESULT IN MORE LOSSES ON MY SIDE.

THE SITUATION ISN'T AS BAD AS YOU BELIEVE.

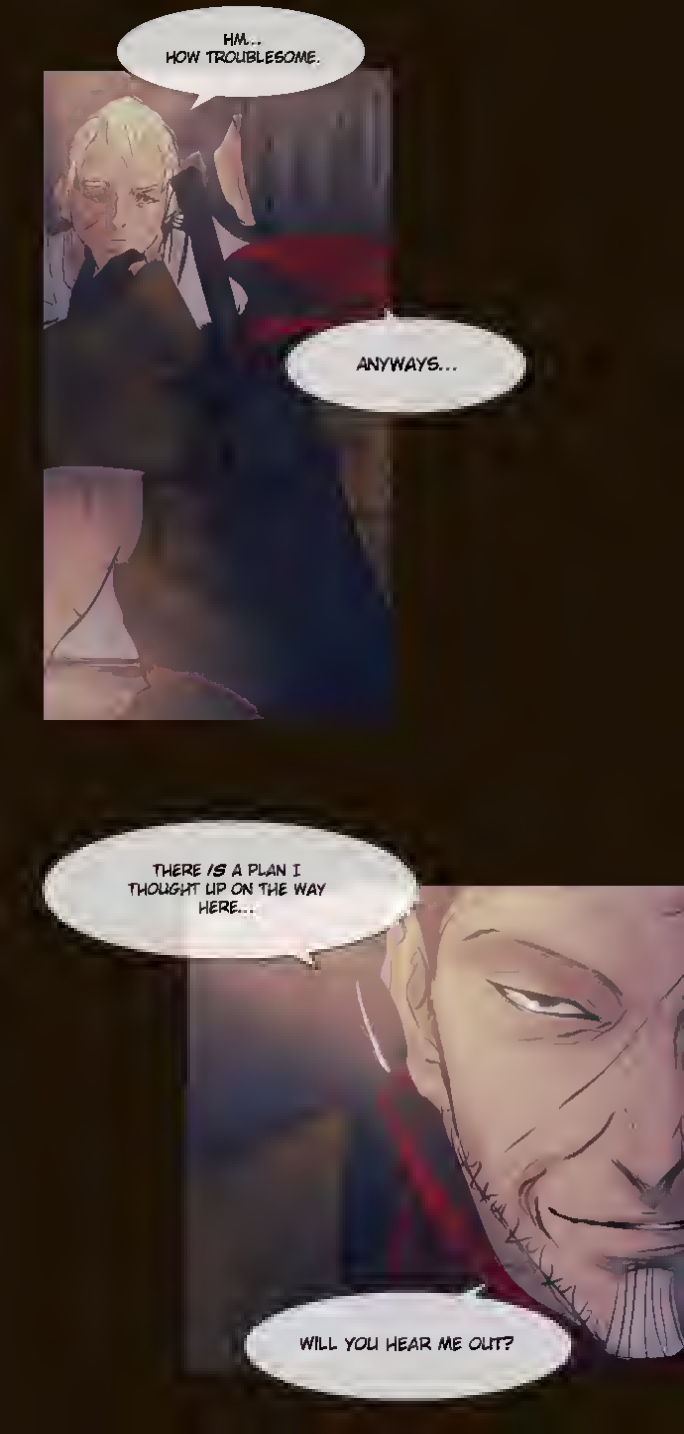
ADVANCING SLOWLY IS EXACTLY WHAT THE ENEMY WANTS AFTER ALL.

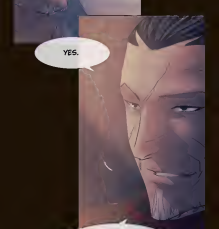
IF WE HAD A CASTLE ON OUR SIDE, THAT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT STORY.

HOWEVER, SINCE THE SOL CASTLE IS UNDER THE MAIN LEGION BANNER, THE WORK AN STAAD THINGS CUT THE MORE WORK WE WILL TAKE

AS LONG AS WE DON'T HOLD A CASTLE, THE MAIN FORCE'S MOVEMENTS CAN'T HELP BUT BE CAUTIOUS.

IF WE SCREW UP, THEY MAY JUST THROW US AWAY IN THE FRONT BATTLE.


HM...
HOW TROUBLESOME.
ANYWAYS...
THERE *IS* A PLAN I THOUGHT UP ON THE WAY HERE...
WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT?



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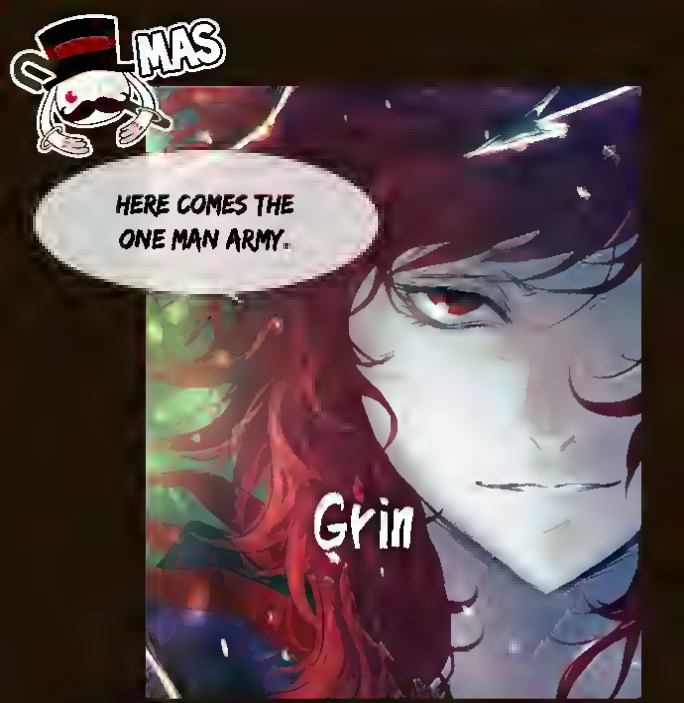

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